



## **HEART TO HEART**

### **ASSOCIATE ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS COORDINATOR**

Last year, the association approved the establishment and funding of the position Associate Associational Missions Coordinator and gave the Associational Missions Coordinator the privilege and responsibility of engaging that individual.

I am delighted and excited to announce that on July 6, 2009, Rev. Freddie Arnold will come on board as the Associate Associational Missions Coordinator (AAMC). For many of you, Freddie will need no introduction. However, for those of you who do not know him, here is some biographical information.

Freddie is a native of Walker. Arnold Road is named after his family. Freddie graduated from Walker High School, attended SLU for 2 years, and later received his Associate Degree in Religious Education from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. For 17 years, he served as the Minister of Education at Kingsville Baptist Church, in Ball, LA, just north of Pineville. He served as the Church Planter Missionary for the Baptist Association of Greater New Orleans during the past 10 years.

Freddie brings with him a wealth of experience in associational ministry, church planting, and disaster relief (being a Blue Cap in Southern Baptist Disaster Relief). His background in church education and church planting will make him a valuable resource to the churches of the association.

Freddie and his wife, Elaine, have two children; Kerney Arnold and Julie Johnston, both of Walker, and 5 grandchildren. He has 5 brothers and 1 sister, all of whom grew up in Judson Baptist Church.

He will be available to assist the churches in any areas of ministry and will be available to provide interim and supply ministry. Please take advantage of his abilities and experience and welcome him to the ELBA staff.

### **EDEN BAPTIST CHURCH COMMENCEMENT SERVICE and CHRIST'S COMMUNITY COMMENCEMENT**

On Sunday, May 31, at 2:30 p.m., approximately 100 persons attended the Commencement Service at Eden Baptist Church. Many former members of Eden were present and given an opportunity to share testimonies of what the church had meant to them. Mary Broussard, our Associational Historian, presented a brief history of the church, and I shared with those present some of the prospective uses of the facility in the months and years to come.

Members of Eden who are seeking to move their membership to a sister church would need to have their request for church membership mailed to the ELBA office. When the church voted to dissolve, administrative responsibilities were transferred to the association in behalf of the church.

A significant number of the members of Christ's Community Church were present to show their support for the Eden members. The Associational Executive Board voted to grant Christ's Community the privilege of utilizing the facilities until they are able to construct their own on the Juban Road property. They are scheduled to begin construction in the summer of 2010. Jeff Woodrich informed me that they are on the calendar to have volunteer builder groups begin assisting them then.

Christ's Community had their first service at the Eden site on June 7. Over 200 people were present in an air of great excitement. The group witnessed the baptism of 5 individuals. Several of the former Eden members attended and were excited to see so many people in the church building and the baptistry being used.

On their second Sunday, Brother Willis reported that they had 165 present with 7 or 8 first time visitors and 2 more baptisms.

**CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE CHURCHES  
MAY 2009**

Deposits through 06-15-09

Contributions	MAY 09	TOTAL
Agape'	0.00	572.55
Amite	3,432.78	34,739.19
Beech Ridge	0.00	2,234.12
Bethel	161.64	1,351.92
Calvary	0.00	0.00
Carroll	402.42	2,237.04
Central	0.00	731.86
Christ's Community	300.00	2,700.00
Colyell	986.02	8,734.27
Denham Springs	294.77	5,242.90
Don Avenue	239.00	2,291.80
Doyle	0.00	0.00
Eden	0.00	680.63
Emmanuel	0.00	5,768.74
Faith	476.96	1,898.16
French Settlement	564.72	3,107.06
Gray's Creek	382.13	3,561.55
Greater Third Zion	0.00	0.00
Head of Island	134.25	2,386.82
Hebron	0.00	17,832.57
Holden	163.91	1,437.90
Judson	1,817.86	18,244.63
Life Giving	425.59	1,522.45
Live Oak	1,018.37	9,865.76
Livingston	506.00	3,857.00
Macedonia	0.00	300.00
Magnolia	370.00	3,388.00
Maurepas	0.00	1,543.61
Midway	194.73	1,810.05
New Bethlehem	25.00	225.00
New Covenant	0.00	700.00
Northside	672.29	3,470.17
One Life	39.18	762.58
Pine Grove	377.78	4,103.54
Red Oak	400.00	2,000.00
River of Life	0.00	2,002.25
Riverside	823.43	8,174.04
Salem	0.00	0.00
Satsuma	185.04	2,609.32
South Walker	92.91	1,021.49
Southside	126.23	545.16
The New Beginnings	140.85	1,176.27
Victory	0.00	881.95
Walker	1,923.38	16,738.86
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>16,677.24</b>	<b>182,451.21</b>
Interest Income	582.38	3,090.24
Total Designated Income	5,300.00	93,034.56
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>22,559.62</b>	<b>278,576.01</b>
Capital One Total		112,919.89
Louisiana Baptist Foundation Total		263,825.93
<b>Total Checking &amp; Savings</b>		<b>376,745.82</b>

## News from the Churches...

**Joe David Smith** has resigned as pastor of **DOYLE BAPTIST CHURCH** in Livingston.

**FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH** is hosting a **YOUTH CAMP—”SOLD”**, from Friday, July 24 through Sunday, July 26. Registration deadline is July 17. For more information or to register, contact **Donnell Sevario**, youth pastor, (225) 933-0583 or ja\_sevario@yahoo.com; or **Trey Cowell**, (225) 324-8966 or revtrey@hotmail.com. There will be lots of fun, learning, serving, and worshiping in this jam-packed weekend, “**SOLD TO THE LORD.**” **Trey Cowell** is pastor.

The church family at **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF FRENCH SETTLEMENT** invites everyone to a day of special worship services and activities on Sunday, June 28 as they honor **Brother Tommy Shipp** and his wife, **Edwina**. Brother Tommy is retiring as pastor after serving for 32 years. Worship services will begin at 11:00 am followed by “Dinner on the Grounds.” An additional ceremony is scheduled for 1:30 pm. Photos, letters, and emails are being gathered for a slide show and scrapbook. If you would like to share your memories, please send them to: **Louis Palmer**, 17244 M Guitreau Rd., Livingston, LA 70754; www.fs1bc.org.

Worship artist, songwriter and author, **Dennis Jernigan**, will be in concert on Sunday, July 26 at 6:00 PM at **JUDSON BAPTIST CHURCH**, 32470 Walker N Rd, Walker. The community-wide praise and worship event is open to the public and will feature a community choir made up of members of the choirs from Judson, South Walker, and Christ’s Community Churches. Admission is free. A love offering will be taken. **Jay Hodges** is Minister of Music. **Merelin McCon** is pastor.

**Rev. Merelin McCon** recently announced his retirement as pastor of **JUDSON BAPTIST CHURCH** effective the end of September 2009. Bro. McCon has served as pastor for 32 years.

**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 15<sup>th</sup>

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

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As you pass the facilities, you will notice that the Eden Baptist Church face on the sign has been removed. Jones Sign Company is in the process of manufacturing new sign faces. When completed, the top part of the sign will have the ELBA logo and the words, "Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association Missions and Ministry Center." The lower sign will have the Christ's Community Church logo and name.

We will continue to use the newsletter to keep you updated.

For the sake of the King and the Kingdom,  
David E. Brown  
Associational Missions Coordinator

Thanks to the generosity of First Baptist Church French Settlement, we now have in the associational library the leader kit by Priscilla Shirer, Can We Talk? Soul-stirring Conversations with God. Contact us if you would like to check it out.



## Fixing Your Church's Finances

Thursday, August 6, 2009

Greenwell Springs Baptist Church

19421 Greenwell Springs Rd.

Greenwell Springs, LA

This seminar will help church leaders interpret income tax laws as they apply to churches, pastors & staff members. Items to be covered include:

- Interpreting the impact of tax laws on church staff members.
- New tax requirements in the areas of housing allowances, professional expenses, retirement planning, social security, & charitable contributions.
- Proper reporting to the Internal Revenue Service.
- Instructions for those who prepare church payrolls & payroll tax reports.

**Cost:** \$20 (\$25 at the door)  
(includes conference workbook & lunch)

### Schedule:

9:00 am—Registration

9:30 am—4:00 pm—Conference

Register online at [www.LBC.org](http://www.LBC.org).



## ELBA CHAINSAW DISASTER RELIEF RESPONSE

On May 24-29 the Chainsaw/Recovery Unit of the Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association went to Marion, Illinois in response to an inland hurricane (115 mph winds) that struck the area on Mother's Day. Tom Higginbotham, Howard Turner, John Buxton, John Anderson, and Keith Brown comprised the team. In four days they were able to clean twenty (20) yards. Their first job had 30+ trees down in a back yard.

The gospel was shared on numerous occasions and although there were no immediate decisions recorded, there is no doubt that many lives were touched. The opportunity to pray with hurting people simply to remind them that God loves them and has not forgotten them was rewarding. The residents of Illinois were very appreciative that Southern Baptists in Louisiana heard the cry for help and responded.

Thank you for your support for this work through your Association.

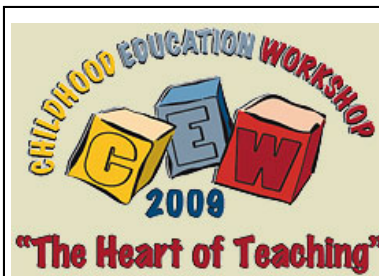


## LOOKING AHEAD . . .

"The Forge" Youth Event

August 21-22, 2009

Live Oak Baptist Church



Childhood Education  
Workshop

July 27-28, 2009

New Orleans Baptist  
Theological Seminary

## SUNDAY SCHOOL TRAINING EVENT

### BLITZ ON THE BAYOU

Parkview Baptist Church

Baton Rouge

August 15, 2009

8:30 am—3 pm



Keynote Speaker: **Rob Zinn**

Cost: Early—\$15 / Door—\$20

Contact Jan Terral at Baptist Association of Greater Baton Rouge,  
[jam@bagbr.org](mailto:jam@bagbr.org), for more information.

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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

#### 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  
31-Aug 1 LA Baptist Church Music Conference,  
FBC, West Monroe



#### AUGUST 2009

3 Fellowship Meal, Faith, 5:45 PM  
3 Executive Board Meeting, Faith, 6:30 PM  
6 Stewardship Conference, Greenwell Springs  
8 WMU Leadership Training, FBC, Opelousas  
9 On Mission Together: Praying for Students  
15 Blitz on the Bayou, Parkview, Baton Rouge  
16-22 Church Music Emphasis Week  
20 Missions Team Meeting, ELBA Office, 10:00 AM  
21-22 "The Forge" Youth Event, Live Oak  
30 Day of Prayer for College Students

  
**On Mission  
Celebration**

**MAY 1-2, 2010**

**M**ake sure that you have this important event on your church calendar. The ELBA Missions team has started preparations for this HUGE "On Mission Celebration" to be held May 1-2, 2010.

## 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

2008 ANNUALS ( Printed Minutes) are in  
and available for pickup. Each church is  
allowed 5 copies free of charge. Additional  
copies are available for \$1.00 each.

*Congratulations!* 

The ELBA Scholarship  
Committee recently awarded  
scholarships to the following:

Louisiana College—**Emily Free**  
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary—  
**Charles Ellzey, Justin Powell, & Michael Wilkes**