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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

AUGUST 2011

- 1 Fellowship Meal, South Walker, 5:30 PM
- 1 Executive Board Meeting, South Walker, 6:30 PM
- 9 Retired Ministers Lunch, Ryan's, 11:30 AM
- 14 & 21 Counselor Training for Round Pen of Life, ELBA Office, 2:30 PM
- 16 Evangelism Team Meeting, ELBA Office, 3:00 PM
- 18 Mission Team Meeting, ELBA Office, 10:00 AM
- 19-20 The Forge, Judson
- 27 The Family God Uses, Amite, 9:00 AM—1:00 PM
- 27 CONNECTED, FBC, Amite, 8:30 AM—3:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 2011

- 10 Sunday School Leadership Conf., Hebron, 8—Noon
- 11-17 Church Music/Worship Emphasis Week
- 11-18 Week of Prayer for State Missions & Georgia Barnette Offering
- 12 Ministers Conference, Gray's Creek, 5:30 PM
- 15 Mission Team Meeting, ELBA Office, 10:00 AM
- 19-20 E4 Preaching Conference, FBC, Pineville
- 20 Evangelism Team Meeting, ELBA Office, 3:00 AM
- 26 ELBA Council Meeting, ELBA Office, 10:00 AM
- 28 See You at the Pole
- 30 Global Maritime Ministries Global Fest, FBC, NO

ELBA Christian Counseling Center
8139 Florida Blvd. Denham Springs, LA
225/588-0342

June Appointments (4 counselors) 34

Luke 4:18 "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free,"



EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

South Walker Baptist Church

13719 Hammack Rd
Denham Springs, LA 70726

August 1, 2011
6:30 PM

FELLOWSHIP MEAL is at 5:30 PM.

Looking Ahead

What: ELBA HYMN SING
Who: ALL ELBA CHURCHES
When: OCTOBER 30, 2011, 6:00 PM
Where: AMITE BAPTIST CHURCH



Make plans for your church to be a part of this exciting event!
Contact Jay Hodges for more information.
225-665-5481; worship@jbcla.com.

169th ELBA ANNUAL MEETING

First Baptist Church of Denham Springs
Monday, October 10, 2011
5:00 PM

Remember to elect messengers as soon as possible.



HEART TO HEART

\$\$\$\$\$ CHURCH DESIGNATED FUNDS MANAGEMENT \$\$\$\$\$

It is always my desire to do whatever I can to help the churches, and I thought this information might be helpful to some. Most churches have funds that have been designated for specific purposes, called designated funds. It is prudent that each church has guidelines for those designated funds. The article below is copied from the *Church Financial Guidebook*, pages 33 and following, which is published by the Stewardship Development Association and is available from the LBC Stewardship/Cooperative Program Department at a cost of \$10 each.

Working Model of a Designated Fund Policy. "Individuals can give designated gifts for ministry of the church. However, the designated fund must be established before the church receives the cash or cash equivalent designated gift.

If the designated gift is a gift of property, not cash or cash equivalent, then the church or finance committee reserves the right to use the property for the purpose of the church. The church or finance committee will try to honor the intention of the donor, but the finance committee or church reserves the authority to use or dispose of the property that best fosters the church's ministry.

The process of establishing a designated fund by the church:

1. Any member of the church or community may request the establishment of a designated fund.
2. The member must present a verbal or written request to the church or finance committee, (the church committee assigned to oversee church financial matters).
3. The church or finance committee must approve the establishment of the requested designated fund.
4. Before the church accepts a contribution for the designated purpose, the designated fund must be approved.
5. If the finance committee or the church fails to approve a request for a designated fund, the designated fund cannot be established and the church will not receive any money.
6. A list of contributors and their contributions is maintained for Internal Revenue Service required record keeping.

The established designated fund must meet the following requirements in writing by the finance committee or church:

1. The purpose of the fund and how it furthers the mission of the church must be stated.
2. Procedure on how the fund will be spent must be recorded.
3. The procedure on how the fund can be closed should be stated.
4. The policy should state how to disburse any money left in the fund after the fund is closed."

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THERE IS NO LONGER A NEED FOR A DESIGNATED FUND?

Louisiana is one state that has passed the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA) which deals with a mechanism to release a restriction on donated funds. The restrictions on funds can be released with donor consent. Under appropriate circumstances, the institution can always ask a court to apply equitable deviation or cy pres to modify or release a restriction. Another section of the law permits an institution to apply a cy pres on its own for small funds (less than \$25,000) that have existed for a period of time (20 years) after giving notice to the state attorney general.

Any release of restrictions on designated funds should be approved by the church.

Additional information may be found at the following website: www.upmifa.org.

COUNSELING COURSE

Pastors and lay ministers, would you like to improve your ability in Christian Counseling? The Louisiana Baptist Convention is teaming up with Dudley Bienvenu, a licensed clinical social worker and board certified professional Christian counselor with 27 years of counseling experience, to host a course in Christian Counseling this fall.

Participants in this course will learn many of the strategies and techniques Mr. Bienvenu uses with his clients.

Topics include understanding people, marriage counseling, alcohol & drug addiction, trauma resolution, and parenting & money.

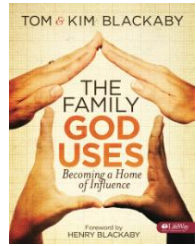
**CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE CHURCHES
JUNE 2011**

Deposits through July 12, 2011

Contributions	JUNE 2011	TOTAL
Agape'	\$0.00	\$323.00
Amite	\$0.00	\$9,658.46
Beech Ridge	\$135.21	\$1,084.52
Bethel	\$129.79	\$929.41
Calvary	\$145.75	\$1,231.05
Carroll	\$196.94	\$981.26
Central	\$0.00	\$213.17
Christ's Community	\$446.67	\$2,552.71
Colyell	\$815.12	\$4,228.43
Denham Springs	\$674.22	\$4,135.48
Don Avenue	\$586.26	\$3,176.74
Doyle	\$0.00	\$250.00
Emmanuel	\$539.16	\$3,312.88
Faith	\$0.00	\$2,191.36
French Settlement	\$285.52	\$1,503.84
Gray's Creek	\$727.67	\$4,357.30
Greater Third Zion	\$0.00	\$0.00
Head of Island	\$172.70	\$1,037.28
Hebron	\$0.00	\$7,221.24
Holden	\$285.24	\$1,402.64
Judson	\$1,596.30	\$9,584.14
Live Oak	\$1,148.08	\$8,482.28
Livingston	\$0.00	\$2,425.00
Macedonia	\$0.00	\$600.00
Magnolia	\$340.00	\$2,498.00
Maurepas	\$200.00	\$1,085.00
Midway	\$0.00	\$1,029.42
New Bethlehem	\$25.00	\$150.00
New Covenant	\$0.00	\$0.00
Northside	\$402.07	\$2,128.54
One Life	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pine Grove	\$385.30	\$2,534.38
Red Oak	\$200.00	\$1,200.00
River of Life	\$0.00	\$250.00
Riverside	\$232.60	\$1,577.16
Salem	\$0.00	\$0.00
Satsuma	\$306.58	\$2,057.23
South Walker	\$89.64	\$579.52
Southside	\$119.53	\$330.79
The New Beginnings	\$134.07	\$467.70
Victory	\$154.49	\$969.00
Walker	\$1,911.94	\$12,922.97
Watson	\$194.30	\$402.50
Total Contributions	\$12,580.15	\$101,064.40
Capital One M & M Center		\$10,879.59
Capital One Total		\$92,217.98
Louisiana Baptist Foundation Total		\$196,083.68
TOTAL Checking & Savings		\$288,301.56

News from the Churches...

AMITE BAPTIST CHURCH, 7100 Amite Church Road, Denham Springs, invites you to *The Family God Uses Conference* on Saturday, August 27 from 9 AM to 1 PM. **Dr. Tom Blackaby**, son of **Dr. Henry Blackaby**, will be there sharing from the book that he and his wife, **Kim** wrote by the same title. There will be no lunch, but refreshments will be provided during breaks. The conference is free. However, a love offering will be received to help support Dr. Blackaby and Blackaby International Ministries. If you have any questions please contact **Ernest Graham**, 225-665-2772 or egraham@amitechurch.org. **Terry Booth** is pastor.



BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH welcomes **Charles Ellzey** as pastor. Bro. Ellzey previously served as associate pastor.

COLYELL BAPTIST CHURCH, 19524 LA HWY 42, Livingston, LA 70754, is seeking a Permanent Part Time Music Minister. An apartment is available. Resumes may be sent to colyell@colyellbc.org. For more information, please contact the church office, 225-698-6243. **Bill Holifield** is pastor.

HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH has a free wooden Pinewood Derby track in good condition. Anyone who is interested, please contact the church office at 225-665-6278. **Joe Alain** is pastor.

Revival services have been planned at **WALKER BAPTIST CHURCH** for July 30 through August 1. **Dr. Reggie Ogea**, Dean at NOBTS, ELBA's former Director of Missions, and pastor of twenty years plus in Louisiana Baptist churches, will be the evangelist. **Tim Richardson**, minister of music at Walker will be leading the music. Services will be held at 6:30 PM on Saturday, July 30; 8 AM, 10:30 AM, and 6 PM on Sunday, July 31; 7 PM on Monday, August 1. **Richard Blue** is pastor.

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Courses are available in both Alexandria and Lafayette. Courses in Alexandria meet over a 14 week period beginning on August 29 through December 12, in the Memorial Room at the LBC building from 6:00 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. Courses in Lafayette meet for 7 days beginning on August 26 through December 9, in the multi-purpose Building "Café" at East Bayou Church from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The cost for the entire course is \$250 if registered by August 8th. After August 8, the cost is \$275. Visit www.LBC.org/CounselingCourse for more information and registration forms.

IRS INCREASES MILEAGE RATE TO 55.5 CENTS PER MILE

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service announced an increase in the optional standard mileage rates for the final six months of 2011. Taxpayers may use the optional standard rates to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business and other purposes.

The rate will increase to 55.5 cents a mile for all business miles driven from July 1, 2011, through Dec. 31, 2011. This is an increase of 4.5 cents from the 51 cent rate in effect for the first six months of 2011, as set forth in Revenue Procedure 2010-51.

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

Church Growth Corner Freddie Arnold

Dr. Tom Rainer, President and CEO of LifeWay Christian Resources, presents five major trends that he thinks will come to pass in the future in SBC life.

1. Our nation will see the emergence of the largest generational mission field in more than a century. The millennial generation will have very low Christian representation; probably only 15% are now Christian.
2. The dominant attitude of this huge generation toward Christianity will be indifference. Only 13% of this group now rates anything of the spiritual nature as important to their lives.
3. Senior adult ministries in churches will experience a deep decline. Senior adults will tend to deny that they are senior adults and reject the traditional senior adult ministry.
4. The large "Boomer" generation will become more receptive to the gospel. There are some indicators that this could be happening now. Spiritual matters could become very important to this group. They may turn to the hope of the gospel when everything else they have tried has failed.
5. Family will be a key value for both of the large generations. We, the church, must actually be friendly to them in our ministry to them.

Thoughts:

1. These are the two groups that represent the largest population figure in our nation.
2. When, where and how are we ministering to them now?
3. What adjustments do we need to make to enhance our ministry to them?
4. Do we really know who these people are in our communities?

Sunday School Leadership Training: The Value of A Vibrant Sunday School

What: Preparing leadership for the one organization in our churches that fulfills the five functions of the church: Worship, ministry, evangelism, discipleship and fellowship.

Who: All leaders that are presently teaching and any who would be willing to teach.

When: September 10, 2011
Registration: 8:00 AM
Dismiss: 12:00 Noon

Where: Hebron Baptist Church
24063 Hwy 16 (Pete's Hwy.)
Denham Springs, LA

Cost: \$10.00 per person.
(Pay at the door or send to ELBA Office.)

ELBA Youth Ministry Team Presents:

The Forge

Highlights

- "Totally Consumed" theme
- August 19-20, 2011
- Judson Baptist Church—Host Church
- Todd Blount—Speaker
- Nolan Bishop—Worship Leader
- Totally Consumed Disciple Now Material
- Cost \$15.00 for The Forge (Includes T-Shirt, Meals at Judson; does not cover D—Now material)

For more information contact :

Johnny Morgan—278-4772; johnny@liveoakbaptist.org

Lonnie Cook—439-8684; llcook_msu@yahoo.com

CONNECTED*

*Formerly WMU Church Leader Training

August 27—FBC, Amite

Cost: \$12 per person

For more information: 1-800-622-6549 or WMM@LBC.org

Week of Prayer for

Georgia Barnette
STATE MISSIONS OFFERING

SEPTEMBER 11-18, 2011

"Seeds Sown in Tears, Songs Sung in Joy"

Psalm 126:5

Global Maritime Ministries **Global Fest 2011**

Friday, September 30, 2011

First Baptist Church of New Orleans



FREE! FREE!
EVERYONE INVITED!

PAUL DAILY'S "Round Pen of Life"

Horse Training with God

October 5, 2011 – 6:00 PM

Rodeo Arena

Livingston Parish Fairgrounds

Counselor training for this event will be held on August 14 and 21 at the ELBA Office at 2:30 PM.

For more information contact: Freddie Arnold
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