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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2011

- 5 Labor Day
- 8 ACP Deadline
- 8-10 Church Planting Basic Training,
Woodland Park, Hammond
- 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, 5:45 PM
- 15 Mission Team Meeting, ELBA Office, 10:00 AM
- 19-20 E4 Preaching Conference, FBC, Pineville
- 22 Joint meeting of the Evangelism Team & the
Mission Team, ELBA Office, 3:00 PM
- 26 ELBA Council Meeting, ELBA Office, 10:00 AM
- 28 See You at the Pole
- 30 Global Maritime Ministries Global Fest, FBC, NO

OCTOBER 2011

- 2 Counselor Training for "Round Pen of Life" Event,
ELBA Office, 2:30 PM
- 2 Soul Winning Commitment Day
- 3 Ministers Conference, Macedonia, 10:00 AM
- 5 Wild Horse Ministries "Round Pen of Life" Event,
Livingston Parish Fairgrounds, 6:00 PM
- 9 World Hunger Sunday
- 10 **ANNUAL MEETING**, FBC, Denham Springs, 5 PM
- 11 Senior Adult Praise Fest, Walker, 10:00 AM
- 14-15 Ministers Wives Retreat, Tall Timbers
- 18 Evangelism Team Meeting, ELBA Office, 3:00 PM
- 20 Mission Team Meeting, ELBA Office, 10:00 AM
- 30 Livingston Parish Night of Praise, Judson, 6:00 PM



MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Gray's Creek Baptist Church

21039 LA HWY 16
Denham Springs, LA 70726

September 12, 2011

6:30 PM

FELLOWSHIP MEAL is at 5:45 PM.

ANNUAL MEETING

Revive! **Monday, October 10**
First Baptist Church
Denham Springs

5:00—Business Session I

6:15—Dinner

7:00—Business Session 2 & Worship

**Worship will be led by Bro. Matt Calhoun,
Music Minister, FBC, Denham Springs, and
Dr. Leo Miller, Pastor, FBC, Denham Springs.**

**Remember to elect messengers
as soon as possible.**



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HEART TO HEART

ELBA ANNUAL MEETING

October 10, 2011

First Baptist Church, Denham Springs

The Arrangements Committee of the Association has mapped out the details of the Annual Associational Meeting. Of course, we will have the usual business matters to address at the meeting and reports. Most of this will be done in Session 1. Due to the fact that we do not have a great amount of business to transact, Freddie and I will be able to share our report during the first session which begins at 5:00 p.m. Our goal is to bring you up to date on what the Lord has done through our cooperative efforts. Following our report, we will have our meal. Session 2, which begins at 7:00 p.m., will include minimal business and be primarily a time of worship. The Arrangements Committee has asked Dr. Leo Miller, the pastor at FBC Denham Springs to bring our inspirational message. The music will be led by Rev. Matt Calhoun, Minister of Music at the church.

I know that some churches have already elected their messengers. If your church has not, I urge you to do so. According to our bylaws, "Each church shall be entitled to three (3) messengers for the first fifty (50) members and one (1) additional messenger for each twenty-five (25) members, up to a maximum of fifteen (15) messengers. "

ONE STORY FROM VBS

At Beech Ridge Baptist Church, the GAs (Girls In Action, in case you have forgotten) had been studying about places that did not have clean drinking water. WMU (Women's Missionary Union) has a project called "Pure Water/Pure Love." It is a project whereby efforts are made to get clean water to those in need. The girls in GAs wanted to collect money and send to help with the water project. They all saved their money.

One of the girls, Sydney Durham, saved \$30.00 and will be receiving a Pure Water/Pure Love badge for her efforts. She has been in GAs for 3 years and has grown into a young lady with a heart for missions. As a result of the GAs efforts, the church determined that their VBS offering would be used to help fund the project and set a goal of \$400. The children caught a vision of what they could do to minister and collected \$500. Lisa Hinson, the pastor's wife said, "We could not believe it! You will never know what the Lord will do till you put it all into His Hands."

Thanks, Lisa, for sharing your story with us. Other churches had similar stories about how the Lord worked through their Vacation Bible Schools. PRAISE THE LORD!

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

Church Growth Corner Freddie Arnold

The Forge

Congratulations are in order to the ELBA Youth Leadership Team for the tremendous job they did in the planning, promotion and provision for “**The Forge**” production in ELBA. The turnout was great and the results were fantastic. Also a great big “Thank You” is extended to Judson Baptist Church for a fabulous job of hosting the event. It was a tremendous task well done.

A Vibrant Sunday School Leadership Training Conference

We are in the last strategic window (school starting to Thanksgiving Holidays) for church growth in this year. Why do I say this? Because people are back to some semblance of routine and are more receptive to contacts and visitation. Sunday School or Bible Study Groups, which ever you prefer to call them, continue to be the most effective way to assimilate and integrate people into the life of the church. This organization must be kept functional and vibrant if we want it and our churches to be effective. Come join us for this exciting training event on September 10 at Hebron Baptist Church.

Round Pen of Life

We are well on our way to a tremendous experience in ELBA. Preparation for the Round Pen of Life at the Livingston Parish Fair on October 5 is going well. We have had 23 people participate in the evangelistic counselor training for the event. A final Counselor Training Session will be held on October 2 at 2:30 P. M. at the ELBA office on Hwy. 447 N. Walker Rd. A great turnout is expected on October 5, and we want to be ready.

Livingston Parish Night of Praise

See the insert in this newsletter and make plans to be present at this exciting event on October 30 at Judson Baptist Church.

Proverbs 11:30 NIV says: “*The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life and he who wins souls is wise*”. The HCSB version says: “*The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life but violence takes lives*”. The winning of the lost is always preferred to the loss of one to the violence of sin and eternal separation from Jesus our Savior.

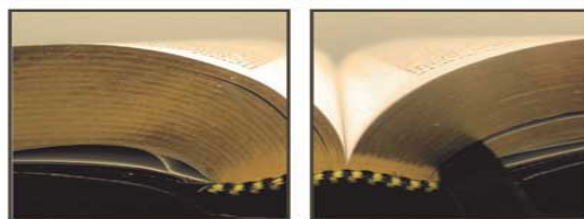


The Prayer Room

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need (Heb. 4:16 NKJV). What a great privilege it is to be able to bring our requests to God with the confidence that He loves us and delights to meet our needs! When we come to God in prayer, we are not begging for favors from an unwilling benefactor. We are coming to our Father who loves us in spite of our weaknesses and our many failures. For His children, His throne is a throne of grace. We are accepted, not because we deserve to be accepted but by grace through faith.

We should never use grace as an excuse for sin, but we should be encouraged to know that our Father does not wait for us to arrive at sinless perfection before He will bless us. Rather, *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness* (1 John 1:9 HCSB).

Global Maritime Ministries **Global Fest 2011**
Friday, September 30, 2011
First Baptist Church of New Orleans



PREACHING CONFERENCE

September 19-20, 2011
First Baptist Church, Pineville

Men After God's Own Heart:
PASSION FOR CHRIST, PASSION FOR PREACHING

Don Whitney
keynote speaker

Also featuring professors from
Louisiana College, New Orleans Seminary
and Southwestern Seminary.