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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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
- 18 January Bible Study Preview, FBC, Ponchatoula
- 20 Mission Team Meeting, ELBA Office, 10:00 AM
- 30 Livingston Parish Night of Praise, Judson, 6:00 PM

NOVEMBER

2011

- 7 Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer
- 7 Ministers Conference, New Bethlehem, 10:00 AM
- 12 CrossOver Covington
- 14-15 Louisiana Baptist Convention, FBC, Covington
- 17 Mission Team Meeting, ELBA Office, 10:00 AM
- 19 VBS Fall Preview, LBC, Alexandria
- 20-22 YEC, Rapides Coliseum, Alexandria
- 24 Thanksgiving

October is Pastor & Staff Appreciation Month

Hebrews 13:7 tells us, "Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith."

The following resources are available to help you in this process:
www.LBC.org—"50 Ways to Love Your Pastor, Staff and their Spouses;" www.Parsonage.org—Focus on the Family's "Our Clergy Appreciation Month Planning Guide."

Revive!

ANNUAL MEETING

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.



MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Macedonia Baptist Church

34685 LA HWY 1036, Holden, LA 70744

October 3, 2011

10:00 AM

Guest Speaker: **Dr. Bill Robertson**
Director, Pastoral Leadership Team, LBC



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September 27, 2011

HEART TO HEART

BAPTIST HEALTHCARE BENEFITS PROGRAM

It is with a great deal of delight that I can report to you the Healthcare Program we have been working on is at the point of beginning to take inquiries for coverage. The name of this Healthcare Benefits Program is **THE KOINOS PLAN**, based on the Greek word for "fellowship, or shared by all or several." In order to move forward with the program, we will need those of you who are interested in exploring participation to complete a questionnaire similar to the one we used when we were exploring the program with GuideStone.

PLEASE NOTE: Completion of a questionnaire is not a commitment to participate, but simply a request to receive a quote for coverage. We are attempting to secure enough questionnaires so that we can have quotes to be effective as of January 1, 2012. We know this is the time of year when churches are preparing budgets for the New Year and having quotes would assist in that process.

The Koinos Plan sponsored by the Baptist Healthcare Benefits Program is a healthcare program developed specifically for Southern Baptist ministers, church workers and seminarians. The plan operates in a manner similar to a standard health insurance policy, except that membership is limited to a specific group based on acceptance of a statement of faith and payments to the trust for benefits which are considered contributions instead of premiums. The Trust is sponsored by Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association and North Shore Baptist Association.

Interested ministers, church workers and seminarians may apply for membership in the plan. If the individual meets the eligibility requirements, a quote is developed based on the age of the individual and family members' past medical history.

Interested organizations, that is churches, church schools, and church daycare centers may apply for a group membership plan very similar to other commercial group plans.

Why Use the Trust?

Price: Preliminary estimates indicate participants may be able to secure health coverage comparable to other commercial policies at a reduced premium. Costs will be related to the covered member's health history, but we are endeavoring to see that no one will be turned down and reduce the cost as much as possible. Once we have a number of inquiries, we can begin securing quotes. The more young ministers and church employees we have, the better the rates will be.

Theological agreement: The Plan will have a Statement of Faith and only those who are in agreement with that statement will become participants. The Statement of Faith is a simplified document consistent with Southern Baptist Doctrine. This way, participants will know that everything that is done and claims paid will be consistent with our basic convictions.

Support of Southern Baptist Ministers and Church Employees: This Baptist Ministers' Healthcare Program is something that can help our brothers and sisters in the SBC family who do not have a healthcare plan or are having to pay extremely high premiums.

Based on these factors, please consider securing and submitting a healthcare questionnaire to receive a quote that you can compare to your present policy premiums.

As soon as possible, we will put the questionnaire on the website to be downloaded. We do not have a firm deadline for returning the questionnaire, but it will be to the advantage of everyone to complete and return it as soon as possible. Should you desire to have a health questionnaire before we have it on the website, call or email us and we'll mail, fax, or email the document to you.

Let me again affirm that our efforts are designed to provide a healthcare source for the ministers and church employees that will help them address this important matter.

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

**CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE CHURCHES
AUGUST 2011**

Deposits through September 19, 2011

Contributions	AUG 2011	TOTAL
Agape'	\$228.00	\$551.00
Amite	\$0.00	\$14,658.46
Beech Ridge	\$438.64	\$1,523.16
Bethel	\$172.03	\$1,271.96
Calvary	\$0.00	\$1,231.05
Carroll	\$0.00	\$1,564.50
Central	\$0.00	\$354.34
Christ's Community	\$354.00	\$3,345.73
Colyell	\$697.42	\$4,925.85
Denham Springs	\$0.00	\$4,880.59
Don Avenue	\$406.46	\$4,064.13
Doyle	\$20.00	\$270.00
Emmanuel	\$506.88	\$3,819.76
Faith	\$0.00	\$2,479.59
French Settlement	\$477.60	\$2,317.80
Gray's Creek	\$734.45	\$5,739.75
Greater Third Zion	\$0.00	\$0.00
Head of Island	\$195.10	\$1,462.88
Hebron	\$3,666.97	\$12,888.97
Holden	\$507.29	\$2,169.16
Judson	\$1,472.82	\$13,390.80
Live Oak	\$1,046.11	\$10,578.34
Livingston	\$484.00	\$3,307.00
Macedonia	\$0.00	\$600.00
Magnolia	\$421.00	\$3,248.00
Maurepas	\$896.94	\$1,981.94
Midway	\$182.94	\$1,626.03
New Bethlehem	\$113.65	\$288.65
New Covenant	\$0.00	\$0.00
Northside	\$428.27	\$3,370.11
One Life	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pine Grove	\$488.47	\$3,590.78
Red Oak	\$200.00	\$1,600.00
River of Life	\$0.00	\$250.00
Riverside	\$217.80	\$2,125.56
Salem	\$0.00	\$0.00
Satsuma	\$333.25	\$3,011.19
South Walker	\$98.69	\$880.52
Southside	\$147.89	\$478.68
The New Beginnings	\$0.00	\$614.88
Victory	\$117.28	\$1,227.17
Walker	\$2,061.97	\$17,380.44
Watson	\$167.46	\$785.89
Total Contributions	\$17,283.38	\$139,854.66
Capital One M & M Center		\$10,879.59
Capital One Total		\$85,875.72
Louisiana Baptist Foundation Total		\$196,328.08
TOTAL Checking & Savings		\$282,203.80

News from the Churches . . .

BEECH RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH welcomes **Jason Hathorn** and his wife **C.C.** as Youth Minister. **Russell Hinson** is pastor.

Sam LoBello has resigned as Minister of Education at **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DENHAM SPRINGS**. **Leo Miller** is pastor.

GRAY'S CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH would like for your church family to join them in Revival on October 2—5, 2011. Services will be at 10:30 AM and 6:30 PM on Sunday, October 2, and 7:00 PM Monday through Wednesday. Dr. Bill Robertson will be bringing the messages from God during this time. Please be praying for Brother Bill, and also for our church family as we prepare in our own hearts for renewal and revival in Christ. The church is located at 21039 LA HWY 16, Denham Springs, LA 70726. **Carl Sullivan** is pastor.

NORTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH welcomes Merelin McCon as pastor. Bro. McCon had previously been serving as interim pastor.



Children in Crisis Conference
Saturday, October 29, 2011 - 9:00 am-3:30 pm
Presented by CEF of Southeast Louisiana

Registration Fee - \$15 includes lunch and materials

For more information or to register
Email: CEFofSELouisiana@cox.net
Or Call 225-933-8752

To be held at The Christian Counseling Center
8139 Florida Boulevard - Denham Springs, LA
Helping you meet the spiritual needs of today's child

CEF CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP
Since 1957 Reaching children worldwide



The Prayer Room

Our country is experiencing difficult times. Many of our people are in financial distress. Many are trying to recover from natural disasters. Immorality is considered as acceptable by many who are in places of influence. We see corruption in high government officials. So-called churches are rejecting the gospel.

We need financial and political relief, but even more important, we need a great spiritual awakening across our land. Let us earnestly pray for strength and guidance to be agents of awakening. Let us pray for our church, our association, our denomination and our nation. Let us pray for and encourage our leaders.

In the midst of our financial and political needs, let us never forget that our greatest need is spiritual. Do not neglect the great weapon of prayer.

Church Growth Corner Freddie Arnold



**FREE! FREE!
EVERYONE INVITED!**

Round Pen of Life Update:

We are nearing the time for this special evangelistic endeavor. October 5 will be here before we know it. We have twenty-three counselors trained. One more training session is scheduled for October 2 at 2:30 PM in the ELBA Office. I am excited at the prospects of what God is going to do, and I hope that you are praying for and inviting lost people to this event. We need six volunteers to help the trainer setup and take down his equipment that day. If you can help, contact me at the office or 225-362-9103. We have plenty of posters if you need some to hand out.

Vibrant Sunday School Conference Report:

The conference was a tremendous success. Thank you Sunday School leaders for participating. Ninety-three persons attended this conference. This number included participants, conference leaders, church hostess and food preparation personnel. The evaluation reports over all were very positive in content, the food was fantastic, and the facilities were great. We appreciate Hebron Baptist Church hosting the event for ELBA. Also, we appreciate LBC sponsoring the leadership team for this event at no charge. This is one of the ways that the association benefits from Cooperative Program money that is given by the local churches. This helps keep the cost down to an affordable level as we provide Sunday School Leadership Training for the local churches.

Annual Church Profiles:

Let me remind you that if you haven't turned in your annual church letter we need you to do that. This information is critically important to the work in ELBA. We use it throughout the year to evaluate the effectiveness of our work, to develop plans to meet needs and to assimilate the information related to the plans being developed. We need this information before the annual meeting. We are 75% complete; please help us by getting it in.

Paul's Example and Challenge:

The Apostle Paul sets an example and proposes a challenge for us in Romans 1:14 -17.

V14: I am obligated to share the gospel with everyone.

V15: I am eager to share the gospel.

V16: I am bold for the gospel saves.

V17: I am confident in the gospel.

My questions –

Are we an example?

Are we willing to accept the challenge?

PAUL DAILY'S
"Round Pen of Life"
Horse Training with God
October 5, 2011 – 6:00 PM
Rodeo Arena
Livingston Parish Fairgrounds
Counselor training will be held Sunday, October 2 at
2:30 PM at the ELBA Office.

For more information contact: Freddie Arnold
225-664-9309; Freddie.arnold@gmail.com.

Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association presents...
**Livingston Parish
Night of Praise!**
Sunday, October 30, 6:00 PM

JUDSON BAPTIST CHURCH
32470 Walker Rd N, Walker, LA 70785
An incredible night of worship, prayer & community.
Combined Associational Choir & Worship Team,
Soloists & groups from local churches.
Contact Jay Hodges for more information.
225-788-4480; worship@jbcla.com

SENIOR ADULT PRAISEFEST

October 11, 2011 ❖ 10:00 AM

Walker Baptist Church

10696 Florida Blvd, Walker LA

Senior Adult Choirs are invited to come join in a day of singing and fellowship at the 2011 PraiseFest.

For more information contact Richard Beeman
318.465.0206 or rbeeman@centurytel.net

LBC Annual Meeting
November 14-15, 2011
First Baptist Church
Covington