



HEART TO HEART

THANK YOU!

Again, Jenelle and I find ourselves being so grateful to you for your generous expressions of love through the Christmas bonuses. Such thoughtfulness is testimony of the character of the Lord Jesus being expressed through you. It is such a privilege to serve with you in Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association. In addition to saying thank you for your love and kindness, we ask that you pray for us to be servants of great faith so as to please God. We also pray that for you.

PLEASING GOD IN 2011!

It is with hearts of gratitude that we embark upon the work of the Kingdom through ELBA for the New Year. In the daily devotional book, *Day by Day with God*, Henry Blackaby wrote, "If you or your church are not responding to God or attempting things that only He can accomplish, then you are not exercising faith. If people in your community are not responding to the gospel like you see in the New Testament, one possible reason is that they are not seeing God in what you are doing as a church." I couldn't help but substitute the word association in place of church and in doing so, began to think deeply about whether the things we are doing as an association are demonstrating faith. I'd hate to be guilty of a lack of faith, for the text Dr. Blackaby quoted for the devotional thought came from Hebrews 11:6, "*Without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.*" With that in mind, Freddie and I began the process of planning and evaluating the work of the association for 2011. This verse makes some powerful assertions. One, we cannot please God without faith. Of course, that would mean that we must have "saving faith," that is, faith in Jesus as our Savior, Redeemer. In Romans, Galatians, and Hebrews, the scripture says, "*The just shall live by faith.*" Not only does that speak of our salvation, but the entire quality of our life after receiving Christ as Savior. Everything we do should be a faith action. Ponder that idea.

The verse also highlights the character of God as "rewarder." Faith provides the opportunity for God to display His giving character. I have to ask myself the question, "Have I exercised faith so that God can display His character and release His resources in my life and ministry?" We might continue by asking ourselves this probing question based on Blackaby's statement; "What is happening in my life or in my church that only God can accomplish and is an evidence of faith?"

The verse concludes by causing us to evaluate whether or not we have been "diligent" in seeking Him. Two things jump out of this phrase. First is the quality of diligence. The text does not promise that God will be "rewarder" if we are casual and occasional about seeking Him. Webster's dictionary defines diligence as "persevering application." Obviously, that involves personal discipline, or to put it another way, it requires work, effort, or energy.

The second thing that jumps out of the phrase is the FOCUS of the diligence. He is "rewarder" if we diligently "SEEK HIM." Most notable, the verse does not promise that He will be "rewarder" if we seek the reward. Second Chronicles 16: 9 reads, "*For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of [them] whose heart [is] perfect toward him.*" This verse affirms the reality of Hebrews 11:6. God is seeking to "show himself strong in behalf of" anyone whose heart is fully inclined toward Him. When we put it all together, it comes down to this: Is God rewarding or showing Himself strong in behalf of me and my church or association because I am diligently, rather than casually and occasionally, seeking Him and not merely the reward?

So, I invite you to join me in growing in God-pleasing faith and diligently seeking Him.

AT LEAST ONE MORE!

On October 15, 2007, the association adopted the report of the Long Range Planning Committee. One of the evangelism goals adopted as a part of that report was this: "Realize a 10% increase in baptisms per year over the next five years." As a part of the planning for 2011, I was reading that goal and wondered if it were realistic. At first, I thought not. However, when I began to give it greater consideration, it occurred to me that we have 42 churches in the association, and if every church determined to reach at least one more person for Christ than last year, we could realize that goal. Ten per cent of 402 baptisms would be 40, and if each church reached and baptized one more than last year, that would be 42 more which is the achievement of the goal. Could it be that the Holy Spirit would be challenging us to give due diligence to be more intentional in our evangelistic endeavors, both personally and corporately? Second Peter 3:9 tells us "*The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*"

**CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE CHURCHES
OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2010**
Deposits through December 11, 2010

Contributions	OCT 10	NOV 10	TOTAL
Agape'	359.00	0.00	359.00
Amite	0.00	12,580.65	12,580.65
Beech Ridge	501.69	0.00	857.61
Bethel	180.58	133.59	459.94
Calvary	251.47	192.17	644.23
Carroll	218.27	0.00	545.69
Central	0.00	0.00	0.00
Christ's Community	300.00	300.00	900.00
Colyell	1,068.67	1,106.75	2,175.42
Denham Springs	635.68	622.20	1,771.61
Don Avenue	186.44	178.99	555.38
Doyle	10.00	0.00	10.00
Emmanuel	1,197.08	510.04	1,707.12
Faith	648.06	0.00	648.06
French Settlement	298.88	278.72	874.74
Gray's Creek	679.00	587.00	1,683.00
Greater Third Zion	0.00	0.00	0.00
Head of Island	283.92	199.42	669.66
Hebron	1,587.99	1,962.19	5,760.34
Holden	215.94	530.16	746.10
Judson	2,180.95	2,013.47	6,091.26
Live Oak	0.00	1,259.08	3,814.29
Livingston	432.00	526.00	1,472.00
Macedonia	0.00	0.00	0.00
Magnolia	283.00	577.00	1,298.00
Maurepas	0.00	394.00	894.00
Midway	248.70	0.00	452.79
New Bethlehem	25.00	25.00	75.00
New Covenant	0.00	0.00	0.00
Northside	264.34	174.42	642.67
One Life	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pine Grove	529.11	352.00	1,320.75
Red Oak	200.00	200.00	600.00
River of Life	0.00	0.00	0.00
Riverside	421.47	206.68	869.50
Salem	77.56	0.00	77.56
Satsuma	742.80	290.61	1,287.08
South Walker	96.13	47.55	249.61
Southside	0.00	0.00	133.45
The New Beginnings	80.52	122.31	326.61
Victory	92.68	96.68	314.80
Walker	2,104.76	1,715.93	5,578.22
Total Contributions	16,401.69	27,182.61	58,446.14
Interest Income	315.44	0.00	315.44
Total Designated Funds	2,045.00	3,564.61	6,997.03
Total Income	18,762.13	30,747.22	65,758.61
Capital One Total			92,391.55
Louisiana Baptist Foundation Total			195,508.90
Total Checking & Savings			293,180.04

News from the Churches...

DON AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH in Denham Springs, welcomes their new pastor, **Bro. David Taylor** from Friscoe, TX.

2011 ELBA

MINISTERS CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

January 10, 2011 10:00 AM	Calvary Lee Thomas, speaker
February 7, 2011 5:30 PM 6:30 PM	Pine Grove Dinner & Fellowship Executive Board Meeting
March 14, 2011 10:00 AM	Central Freddie Arnold, speaker
April 11, 2011 5:30 PM 6:30 PM	FBC Holden Dinner & Fellowship Gary Mitchell, speaker
May 2, 2011 5:30 PM 6:30 PM	_____ Dinner & Fellowship Executive Board Meeting
June, 2011	NO MEETING SBC June 14-15; Phoenix, AZ
July 11, 2011 10:00 AM	_____ Round Table: What's Working What's Not
August 1, 2011 5:30 PM 6:30 PM	South Walker Dinner & Fellowship Executive Board Meeting
September 12, 2011 5:30 PM 6:30 PM	Gray's Creek Dinner & Fellowship Conflict Intervention
October 3, 2011 10:00 AM	_____
October 10, 2011 5:00—8:00 PM	FBC Denham Springs ANNUAL MEETING
November 7, 2011 10:00 AM	_____
December 5, 2011 6:30 PM	_____ Christmas Dinner & Fellowship

2010 ANNUALS (Printed Minutes) are ready and available for pickup! Each church may receive five (5) copies at no charge. Additional copies are available for \$1.00 each.

ELBA Sunday School Leadership Training

THEME: *Great Expectations:*

Planting Seeds For Sunday School Growth



Date: February 19, 2011
Time: 8:30 AM—12:00 PM
Place: Walker Baptist Church
10696 Florida Blvd
Walker, LA 70785

Clinic Sessions:

Pastors and Sunday School Directors
Adult Leaders
Youth Leaders
Children's Leaders
Preschool Leaders



Registration Fee: \$15.00 per person—pay at the door, includes snacks and book



IMPACT *your world...*

2011 STATE EVANGELISM CONFERENCE
January 24-25, 2011
Broadmoor Baptist Church
Shreveport, LA

FEATURING:

Rod Masteller	David Hankins	
Dennis Watson	Fred Lowery	Fred Luter
Jerry Pipes	Steve James	John Avant
Waylon Bailey	Charles Billingsly	Mike Walker

For a complete schedule go to www.lbc.org.

Thank You...

We sincerely appreciate the expression of love and generosity that was shown to us through the Christmas bonuses this year. What a blessing it is to serve the Lord as we work together in Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association.

Lorraine Pankey

Ginger Glascock

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

Deadline for returning completed forms is **March 24, 2011**. The Scholarship Committee will report to the May 2, 2011 Executive Board Meeting.

ESL (Literacy Missions) WORKSHOP
PART I: February 12 PART II: February 19
8:00 AM—4:00 PM

Jefferson Baptist Church
9135 Jefferson Hwy, Baton Rouge LA 70809

The ESL Workshop includes 16 hours of classroom time and is designed to equip volunteers to teach English as a Second Language as a mission outreach program. Most church members can participate since trainers can teach conversational English without knowing other languages. The cost is \$20. A sandwich lunch will be available for an additional fee of \$12. The registration cut-off date is January 21.

For more information, please contact Julie Sandifer at (225) 927-5677 or jkjsandifer@yahoo.com.

Disaster Relief Training Roundtable & Fellowship Banquet



January 21-22, 2010
Camp Living Waters
Loranger, LA 70446

January 21 & 22—Chaplaincy Training—\$25; & Chainsaw Training—\$125 if needing safety gear (Chaps, Helmet, Safety Glasses & Gloves); \$25 if not needing to purchase gear.

January 21—Fellowship Banquet, 6:30 pm—\$10
January 22—*New!* Basic Support, *New!* Medical Support Courses, & Feeding, Shower, Mudout, Assessment, Blue Hat—\$20; *Cost includes: Meal, Cap, Shirt, Badge & Training materials

All courses begin at 8:00 am. Pre-registration is required by **January 7, 2011!**
Questions? Call 318.448-3402, ext. 280

New this year ... before you attend any training events, ALL volunteers must first view the Online Basic Training Video & Feeding volunteers must view the Online Feeding Video at: www.LBC.org/DisasterRelief.

PRETEEN INVASION

Invading the Darkness with the Light of Truth

January 8, 2011

Louisiana College

For all 4th, 5th & 6th Graders

Featuring: Ed Newton, Speaker
Kids Celebration, Broken Vessels,
& Warren Morris

**Cost: \$25 (Postmarked 12/10)
\$30 (After 12/10)**

For More Info: www.LBC.org/Invasion

Kaleidoscope

“Treasures in Jars of Clay”

February 5, 2011

First Baptist, Pineville

Speaker—Liz Luter

Cost: \$30 (includes lunch)

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

EVANGELISTIC PARTY TRAILER TRAINING

Saturday, February 26, 2011
9:30 AM—NOON
ELBA Office

32470 Walker N Rd, Walker, LA

In order for a church to use the Party Trailer there must be at least one person from that church trained in its use. This training, planned for February 26, 2011 at 9:30 AM, is MANDATORY for any church planning to use the Party Trailer.

Please pre-register at 225-664-9309 or elbamissions@elba.brcoxmail.com as soon as possible.

Check out the “Party Trailer Manual” on our website (Downloads) for details about contents, guidelines, fees, etc.

FCC, Broadcast Stations, & Wireless Mics in Your Church

Surely everyone is aware by now that use of wireless microphones in the band range at or above 700 MHz has been prohibited by the FCC since June 12, 2010. What you may not know is which frequencies in the allowable 500-699 range are already occupied in this area by broadcast TV stations. Recently I sent a couple of wireless mics to be repaired, and they were returned with a list of the stations in our area and a note from the technicians about which frequencies to avoid. If your wireless mics have adjustable frequencies (which I highly recommend) then please make sure your mics are not set in the ranges below. If you have preset frequencies on your mics that are in these ranges, you may or may not experience interference. If you do, you will have to either send the units back to the manufacturer for reprogramming or simply buy new mics.

**Frequencies to Avoid with
Wireless Mics in the
Livingston Parish area:**
541.500 – 547.875 MHz
560.000 – 566.875 MHz
656.000 – 661.875 MHz
674.000 – 679.875 MHz

**That means the best frequencies
for our churches are in these
ranges:**
Below 541.500 MHz
548.000 – 559.875 MHz
567.000 – 655.875 MHz
662.000 – 673.875 MHz
680.000 – 699.875 MHz

I had to change frequencies on 4 out of 5 wireless mics I use for praise team. Honestly, we’ve never experienced any problems with broadcast interference in the 2 years that I have served at Judson with microphones in the occupied broadcast ranges, but it’s better to play it safe and change frequencies than to risk broadcasting something on TV during worship. If anyone has any further questions or needs assistance with their wireless mics, feel free to contact me at 225-665-5481 (church office) or email me at worship@jbcla.com.

Peace of Christ to you,
Jay Hodges
Media Resources & Communications Team Director, ELBA
Minister of Music, Judson Baptist Church

Church Growth Corner

Freddie Arnold

Isaiah 55:1-2: ¹“Come, all of you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy wine and milk, without money and without cost. ²Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.”

It is Christmas time and the world is focused on giving of gifts, getting the best quality of merchandise for the least amount of money, influencing the greatest number of people and how am I going to pay for it all. Isaiah reminds us that we have the greatest food, drink and gift that money could possibly buy for the very best price and get the very best quality available. Verse 6 says, “Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on Him while he is near.” We as Christians hold that gift in our hearts and hands to be shared with the needy. **Be Generous With It!!!**

Elaine and I express our appreciation for the generous Christmas bonus and we wish each of you a Merry Christmas.

Upcoming Events

2011 Baptist Doctrine Preview:

January 17, 2011, 9:30 to 11:30 AM, at Sherwood Baptist Church, 1180 S. Flannery Rd., Baton Rouge, LA Theme - “Compelled by Love: A Journey to Missional Living”

Southeast LA. Disaster Relief Training:

Camp Living Waters, Robert, LA, January 21 & 22, 2011 – See information in the paper.

LBC Bible Drill Leader Training:

January 21 & 22, 2011 at Tall Timbers Conference Center, Woodworth, LA – Adult Leader Training, Children (Grades 4-6) & Youth (Grades 7 -12); \$75 per person with special pricing for families. For more information, see www.lbc.org/bible Drill or call 1-800-622-6549.

LBC Evangelism Conference:

January 24 & 25, 2011 at Broadmoor Baptist Church in Shreveport, LA
Theme – “Impact Your World”. See information in the paper.



The Prayer Room

Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart...(Luke 18:1).

At the Christmas season we think of the wonder of the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. He came to give us the greatest gift that anyone will ever receive, the gift of eternal life.

It is the most expensive gift; it was purchased with the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus said that He came to **“give His life a ransom for many.”** This gift cost more than all the gifts that men have ever given to one another. Yet God willingly paid the price because of His great love for us.

While our physical gifts to one another will wear out or be destroyed, this gift will last forever. Eternal life does not mean just long life or life until the next time we sin; It means life that never ends.

This is the gift that brings the most joy. Scripture says,

***“In Your presence is fullness of joy;
At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”***

-Ps. 16:11 NKJV

Let us thank our Lord for the gift of eternal life at Christmas and every day. And let us pray for power to share the gospel of eternal life more effectively with others.

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Now I do not believe that there is anyone in any of our churches that would openly be “willing that any should perish,” but is it possible that we inadvertently become willing for some to perish by not giving attention to intentional evangelism? If we will have the same heart for seeing people saved that Jesus has, then we will need to engage in intentional endeavors, intentional actions that are evangelistic in nature. Remember the quote, “Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again but expecting different results.” I suggest that can be true of evangelistic methods. We must diligently seek the Lord and discover what new or additional thing He would do through us in order to see more people brought into the kingdom.

Imagine the kingdom impact if every church would adopt the evangelism goal of “AT LEAST ONE MORE” for this remaining church year. That would be 444 more people born into the kingdom. I pray that when the churches submit their ACPs for 2010-2011, we will see the total number of baptisms to be at least “444, AT LEAST ONE MORE” by each church.

For the sake of the kingdom,
David E. Brown
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JANUARY 2011

- 2-5 January Bible Study
- 8 Preteen Invasion, Louisiana College
- 10 Ministers Conference, Calvary, 10:00 AM
- 16 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
- 17 Baptist Doctrine Preview Study, Sherwood, Baton Rouge, 9:30 AM
- 20 Mission Team Meeting, ELBA Office, 10:00 AM
- 21-22 Bible Drill Retreat, Tall Timbers
- 21-22 Disaster Relief Training, Camp Living Waters
- 24-25 LBC Evangelism Conference, Shreveport
- 25 LBREA Winter Meeting, Evangelism Conference
- 25 Senior Adult Luncheon, Evangelism Conference
- 31 ELBA Council Meeting, ELBA Office, 10:00 AM

FEBRUARY 2011

- 5 Kaleidoscope, FBC, Pineville
- 7 Fellowship Meal, Pine Grove, 5:30 PM
- 7 Executive Board Meeting, Pine Grove, 6:30 PM
- 8 Retired Ministers Lunch, Ryans, 11:30 AM
- 12 & 19 ESL Workshop, Jefferson Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, 8 AM—4 PM
- 11-12 Conflict Training—Pastors & Wives, Judson Retreat Center
- 11-12 Acteens/Youth on Mission Ministry Day, Global Maritime Ministries, New Orleans
- 17 Mission Team Meeting, ELBA Office, 10:00 AM
- 18-19 Bivocational One Day Impact Pastors Conference, Tall Timbers
- 19 Sunday School Leadership Conference, Walker, 8:30 AM—Noon
- 25-26 LA Baptist Church Music Conference, LC
- 26 Evangelistic Party Trailer Training, ELBA Office, 9:30 AM—Noon

MINISTERS CONFERENCE



MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2011 — 10:00 AM

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

9270 Cockerham Road, Denham Springs, LA 70726

“Effectively Praying for the Lost”

Guest Speaker: Lee Thomas

Lee Thomas, author of “Praying Effectively for the Lost”, will be sharing with us “a simple plan to help you understand biblical principles you can use to intercede for the lost.”

He says, “most of us get discouraged and encounter difficulty in praying for the lost over a long period of time. There are specific ways we can make our prayer become challenging and effective.”

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Wishing you joy as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior

May your Christmas be brightened by the light of Jesus' incredible love and overflowing with the Heavenly joy that only He can bring.

David Brown

Freddie Arnold

Jenelle Brown Ginger Glascock Lorraine Pankey

The ELBA Office will close on **December 23, 2010**
for the Christmas holidays and
re-open on **Monday, January 3, 2011.**