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God's praises. No one complained about getting wet." Located on 17 acres of what was once rural land, Hebron Baptist is now surrounded by suburbs thanks to explosive growth provoked by Hurricane Katrina.

"It is a really unique church because the area is growing so fast – it used to be rural but now it's pretty much has a suburban feel to it with new subdivisions," Alain said. Average attendance is 350 to 400 and they average about 25 baptisms a year, he said.

"Growth has been steady," Alain said. "We've had lots of new folks from surrounding subdivisions joining."

The new building was designed to be very open and welcoming, Alain said. Sunlight floods into the foyer through tall windows and the open space includes couches and chairs, a visitor's welcome counter and nearby "Gospel Grounds" coffee shop.

On one side of the 700 seat sanctuary is a secure children's ministry wing and on the other side is a row of classrooms for the elementary youth. The floor is flat, the interlocking chairs are comfortable, the acoustics are wonderful and the large stage includes twin, large screens for video presentations.

The church has so much going on during the week the bulletin has to be printed on 11x17 sheets of paper. For example, food pantry and clothes closet ministries are "exploding," Alain said.

"Our goal is to reach into the community as much as possible realizing you can't just build a building and expect them to come in," Alain said. "So many families in our community don't attend anywhere."

Phil Ortego, 55, pastor of Scotts Hills Baptist Church in Wilmington, N.C., for the past 21 years, was the homecoming preacher.

"I got saved in this church when I was a senior in high school," Ortego said. He grew up as a Catholic. "Before I came here I was really abusing drugs and alcohol - my life was just a mess."

"A friend from this church invited me to come hear the One Way Singers youth choir on a Thursday night ... there were some good looking girls in the choir - so I came for the girls," Ortego said with a grin. "But that night I met Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior and he transformed my life radically from that point on."

"I'm kinda like the boy who moved away and gets to come back to share in the abundance of the ministry God has brought here," Ortego said. "God has had His hand on this church for 178 years. The best days are not behind this church but the best years for this church are still ahead."

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LOUISIANA NOTABLES

- ON THE MOVE**

 - **Michael Devillier** resigned as pastor at Downsville Baptist Church
 - **Josh Cagle** new as pastor at Red River Baptist Church, Benton.
 - **Harold Ashcraft** new as music minister at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Shreveport.
 - **Ed Baswell** resigned as pastor at Clarion Baptist Church, Elm Grove.
 - **Elijah Teh-Teh** resigned as pastor at New Zion Baptist Church, Bossier City.
 - **R. C. (wife Lilly) Flournoy** new as associate pastor at Cornerstone Baptist Church, Shreveport.
 - **Daniel Faulkner** new as minister of students at Brookwood Baptist Church, Shreveport.
- HOMECOMING**

 - Holloway Baptist Church, Deville: **Homecoming Celebration**, June 7, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. with dinner on the grounds to follow. Speaker: **Frank Shields** (former pastor). Music: **Melody Slocum**. Pastor: Jack West.
 - First Baptist Church, Vidalia: **Celebration Sunday**, June 7, 10:30 p.m. Speaker: **Dan Glenn**. There will be a potluck meal after the service. Pastor: Bill McCullin.
 - Salem Baptist Church, Plain Dealing: **Homecoming Celebration**, June 12, Speaker: **Don McCormick**. Dinner on the grounds following services. **The Palmer Family** in concert at 1:30 p.m. Pastor: Eddy Taylor.
- LAGNIAPPE**

 - **Susan Sanson**, 67, a member of Metairie Baptist Church and an International Mission Board missionary, died unexpectedly on May 18 from malaria in Zomba, Malawi. Susan developed a sudden onset of malaria and treatment was begun immediately. However, early the next morning her husband Billy woke to find her unresponsive. He rushed her to the hospital, but she passed away as medical staff were examining her. Her husband Billy is a chaplain and university minister at Chancellor College in Zomba. Funeral arrangements are pending.
 - Satsuma Baptist Church, Livingston: **"Hometown Nazareth" VBS**, June 1-5, 5:30-8 p.m. Pastor: Brad Delaughter.
 - Safehaven Bible Church, Lake Charles: **Dedication Service**, June 6, 11 a.m. Speaker: **Fred Luter**. Meet & Greet: Food, fun and fellowship, 2-5 p.m.; **First worship service**, June 7, 9:30 a.m. For more information, call 337-502-8074 or e-mail at safehavenlakecharles@gmail.com. Pastor: Kedrick D. Holiday, Sr.
- Elwood Baptist Church, Forest Hill: **Louisiana College President Rick Brewer** will bring the Gospel message in both music and preaching of the Word for Sunday service, June 7, 10:30 a.m. A meal and fellowship will follow. All are invited to attend. Pastor: Mike Evans.
 - Trees Baptist Church, Vivian: **Finding Favour in Concert**, June 7, 10:45 a.m. A love offering will be taken. Pastor: Mark Crook.
 - Ouachita Baptist Church, West Monroe: **Mega Sports Camp**, June 8-12, 6-8 p.m. for ages 3 years old thru the sixth grade. Sports to choose from include flag football, baseball, basketball, soccer and cheerleading. All children, 3-years-olds thru kindergarten, will play kickball. Pre-game kickoff/registration will be June 6 from 10-11:30 a.m. For more information, call the church office at 318.387.6372. Pastor: Dennis R. Hensley, Jr.
 - Airline Baptist Church, Bossier City: **Airline Baptist Children's Ministry presents 'Down by the Creek Bank'**, June 12-13, 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$10. Please contact the church office at 318.746.3495 to purchase tickets.
 - Cypress Baptist Church, Natchitoches: **Palmer Family of Farmer-ville in concert**, June 13, 6 p.m. A fellowship will follow the concert. Pastor: Billy Shugart.
 - Holloway Baptist Church, Deville: **VBS**, June 14 – 18. For more information call 318.466.3180. Pastor: Jack West.
 - First Baptist Church, DeRidder: **Infinity Sports Camp**, June 15-19, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The camp will offer basketball, volleyball, soccer, baseball, cheerleading, flag football and softball for kindergarten through sixth grade. Cost: \$135. For more information call the church office at 337.463.9047. Pastor: Lindsey Burns.
 - Hebron Baptist Church, Denham Springs: **Worship Arts Camp**, June 15-19. Cost: \$35. Register online at www.hbcdenham.org, call 225.665.6278 or at the Welcome Center. **The Perrys in concert**, June 18, 7 p.m. A love offering will be received. Pastor: Joe Alain.
 - **The National Campers on Mission Rally** will be held at Tom Johnsons Rally Park, Marion, N.C., June 16-18. Campers on Mission is an organization of evangelical Christians who own RV equipment and participate in various mission projects across the United States. The program will include Christian comedians, Gospel singing groups, seminars and inspirational speakers. A registration form may be found at campersonmission.org. For additional information contact Jeb41938@gmail.com.
 - Summer Grove Baptist Church, Shreveport: **Chonda Pierce It's a Girl Thing**, June 19, 7 p.m. Cost: Group of 10 or more, \$18, General Admission, \$22, Gold Circle, \$28 and VIP, \$50. For more information call the church office at 318.686.1470. Pastor: Aaron Burgner.

Scripture Crypto

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The Scripture Crypto is a Bible verse in which one letter has been substituted for another, thus encoding the verse. To find out what the verse is, you must determine what each letter is a substitute for. An "a," for example, may stand for a "t" in this week's issue of the ScriptureCrypto. Next week, "a" could stand for a "d." Each week, each letter is different. Solve by trial and error. The answer will be given next week. Note: All numerals, such as those in the scripture reference after the verse, are spelled out.

jt vchv vcl ahil ta h phg fhj vtfhun vcl whep vull tg

vcl tgl jqnl, hgn vcl ahil ta h otzgr eqtg vtfhun vcl

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Clues:
A = F; T = O

Answer to May 21, Scripture Crypto:
First Corinthians six: four