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WISH GRANTED: Pastor returned to state for final 'homecoming'

By **Brian Blackwell**
Message Staff Writer

MOWATA – Veteran church planting strategist Greg Penna has not lived in Louisiana for 22 years, but his wish was to one day return for burial near a church in the state that felt like home.

Penna, who died September 1 from injuries



Killed in car accident, former pastor and church planter Greg Penna was buried in the cemetery of Mowata Baptist Church per his final wishes. He pastored the church for several years.

sustained in a motor vehicle accident in Oklahoma, desired to be buried in the Mowata Baptist Church cemetery, alongside many members that he and his wife, Cindy, referred to as their second family.

"We would call that our home church," said Cindy Penna. "The people made it special. It was at Mowata he learned what family was all about. His dad was absent, but there he got to see family the way God intended it to be. They helped teach him what it meant to

be a pastor."

Penna accepted Christ as his Savior and was baptized at First Baptist Church in Hammond, Indiana, when he was eight years old. Shortly afterward, Penna moved with his family to Lake Charles.

When he turned 17, Penna began his service in vocational ministry as the pastor of First Baptist Church in Bunkie when he was a student at Louisiana College.

Penna subsequently served churches in Florida, Louisiana and Oklahoma, and attended New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

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Brian Blackwell photo

David Cavanaugh, Lynn Cavanaugh and Robert Cavanaugh, sons of late Louisiana College professor C.J. Cavanaugh, unveil a marker in front of the Hall of Science on the LC campus named in his honor on October 4. Cavanaugh was honored during the school's annual Founders Day.

Cavanaugh's impact celebrated at LC

By **Brian Blackwell**
Message Staff Writer

PINEVILLE – Louisiana College honored legendary biology professor Charles J. Cavanaugh with the unveiling of a historical marker in front of the Cavanaugh Hall of Science during its annual Founders Day celebration October 4.

"Prof Cavanaugh was a transformational leader who sought the best for his students," said LC President Rick Brewer. "Though he was not aware of our Vision to Prepare Graduates and Transform Lives, his legacy assuredly lives as a precursor to such vision."

Cavanaugh, who earned his degree from Louisiana College in 1932, began his career in higher education at New York University and Hofstra College in Long Island, New York. While he enjoyed life in New York, Cavanaugh longed to return to Louisiana.

Finally, in 1945, Cavanaugh received his long-awaited invitation to teach at Louisiana College as chairman of the biology department. Throughout the next 32 years, Cavanaugh



Brian Blackwell photo

Grandchildren of C.J. Cavanaugh proudly stand beside a historical marker dedicated in his honor on Founders Day.

ugh taught thousands of future physicians and other medical personnel.

During his tenure at Louisiana College, Cavanaugh developed and directed a pre-med program from which more than 90 percent of students who applied to medical, dental and veterinary schools were accepted. Away from campus, Cavanaugh taught Sunday school at

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Baptismal waters wash away fear of water, sin

By **Brian Blackwell**
Message Staff Writer

EUNICE – Judy Ryder was held captive by a fear of swimming since childhood, but God used a

recent baptism at Acadian Baptist Center's pool in Eunice to help the amputee break through this stronghold.

With assistance from four men at North Eunice

Baptist Church, Ryder was lifted onto a chair and into the pool to stir the baptismal waters Sept. 9.

"It was difficult at first,

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Submitted photo

Greg and Cindy Penna worked in a team as Greg played a part in starting more than 50 churches as a church planing strategist with the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma shortly before his death.

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Cindy Penna said she was blessed to share in her husband's journey where they saw God bless their church planting opportunities, such as FishHawk Fellowship in Lithia, Florida. In 1998, they started a home-based Bible study with four people in Lithia. Through ministry to the military and other young families, the church saw tremendous growth to 2,000 people within 10 years.

John Hebert, directors of missions and ministries for Louisiana Baptists, said Penna was the shining example of a life that was lived and lived well.

"Greg is a native of our state and really cared about the work in Louisiana when he was at the North American Mission Board," Hebert said. "He was our friend and co-worker in conferencing, training church planters, providing vision for reaching lost areas. He was truly a wonderful person. Greg has always contributed to the work of the kingdom and his death is a tremendous loss not just to his family but the larger family of faith where he worked and exerted his in-

fluence. Greg Penna will be missed by a lot of people."

Cindy Penna believes her husband played a part in starting 50 churches as a church planting strategist with the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma shortly before his death.

"It was special to return there for his burial," said Cindy Penna. "His body is where it needs to be. We had talked many times if something happened to either of us we would go to Mowata. Every pastor needs a church like Mowata.

"It was amazing," she

continued. "I told him we didn't have much, but we had that abundant life Jesus talks about. The people gave us that abundant life. God brought so many people in our lives and we saw so many come to Christ. We did what Jesus was calling us to do. And it was amazing."

"What an incredible blessing it was," she said. "I am glad to be a part of helping any church we have been at and seeing what we do makes a difference, not for Florida, Oklahoma or Louisiana, but for the kingdom of God."

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but once I got into the water, the fear was gone because God was with me," said Ryder, who accepted Christ at a worship service two months earlier. "When I came back up out of the water, I was as calm as I could be."

The baptism, which took place during the church's annual back-to-school picnic at the camp, was one of the most memorable for interim Pastor Bert Langley.

"She had a lot of appre-

hension and didn't know how she would take care of herself in the water," said Langley, who also is director of missions for Acadia Baptist Association. "But after her baptism, she had the biggest smile on her face and broke out with a 'praise the Lord.'"

"It was an overall great experience," he continued. "The church got to see this unique baptism and at the same time this lady was able to accomplish something she never dreamed would happen. It was a win-win situation for everyone."

Since the baptism, Ryder has grown in her faith through participation in a small group Bible study at North Eunice Baptist. She said the Lord can help any person eventually overcome a fear by placing their trust in Him.

"My life has been wonderful since the baptism," said Ryder, one of three people baptized this year

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First Baptist Church in Pineville for more than 40 years and raised a family with his wife, Eloise.

Near the end of his career, he spearheaded a campaign to construct the Cavanaugh Hall of Science. The facility contains offices, classrooms and laboratories for biology, chemistry, computer science, engineering, mathematics and nursing.

Brewer noted that the Cavanaugh Campaign underway seeks to upgrade the Cavanaugh Hall of Science, which has not seen significant remodeling since it opened in 1969. Gifts and pledges toward the \$3 million goal totaled \$340,000 through mid-October.

Family and close friends joined administrators, faculty, staff and students at Cavanaugh Hall for the unveiling of a historical marker honoring Cavanaugh.

David Cavanaugh, the son of Cavanaugh, re-

flected on the impact his father made on the history of Louisiana College and challenged students to treasure the legacy so many others have made on their life on campus.

"The next time you look to Cavanaugh Hall, we hope that you'd think of it more than just a location for classes or a place to study and meet friends," he said. "We do hope that, for at least for a moment, you would think of this man and his legacy, a legacy that is completely intertwined with that of your school, Louisiana College. Although he graduated from Louisiana College over 80 years ago and retired from teaching over 40 years ago, his influence still has a positive effect on you and your education here because he like so many others contributed in a way that generations would benefit."

Ricky Jones, a physician in Shreveport, said



Brian Blackwell photo

Family, friends and former students of C.J. Cavanaugh gathered to celebrate the dedication of a historical marker in front of the Cavanaugh Hall of Science October 4. From left to right: Dr. Ricky Jones, physician; Lynn Cavanaugh, retired, brother of David; Dr. Steve Ortego, dentist; Dr. David Elliott, professor; Curt Iles, author; Dr. Robert Cavanaugh, retired, brother of David; Dr. David Cavanaugh, physician.

Cavanaugh not only taught him but his parents and extended family members when they were students at Louisiana College. Jones said Cavanaugh taught him to look at complex scientific problems from a broader perspective.

"He taught me not to just memorize problems and solutions to those problems in order to regurgitate them back as answers on a test, but to apply those scientific principles and to see how they fit in the grand scheme of things," Jones said. "He taught me to expect

change – that the scientific world is complex but simple, that a master plan is in place, and that what changes in science is our understanding of what God set in motion.

"Prof. Cavanaugh got a call from the medical

school committee confirming my acceptance and he delivered the news to me in the middle of a physics test," he said. "He continues to influence me even today, as his youngest son, David, is my best friend."

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at North Eunice Baptist. "I feel closer to God and Jesus. I am confident that God has put His hand on me and I thank Jesus for dying on the cross for me."

Ryder is among many at North Eunice Baptist Church who are passionate about reaching their community.

The church, which averages 70 for its Sunday morning worship service, distributes uniforms and supplies to children attending public schools in Eunice and Mamou each year. They also send a team of men to minister to men at the Allen Correctional Center in Kinder, deliver Thanksgiving meals to residents of an assisted living facility in Mamou and volunteer to maintain the grounds and help with events at ABC Camp.

Langley said serving with such caring members is a joy.

"These people truly have a heart to serve others," Langley said. "When I think of a church that has a passion for ministering to others in Christ's name, I immediately think

of the members of North Eunice Baptist Church. They understand that ministry is more than just sitting in the pew, but being the church in the community."



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Richard Blue's selection as next DOM for ELBA was a 'God thing'

By **Brian Blackwell**
 Message Staff Writer

DENHAM SPRINGS – Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association has named one of its own to serve as the next director of missions.

Richard Blue, the pastor of Walker Baptist Church for the last 20 years, began serving in his new role October 1. While this is his first time to serve as a director of missions, Blue believes his experience at churches and in associational life has prepared him for this next chapter in ministry.

"I never would have seen myself in this position 20 years ago," Blue said. "I am humbled and see this as a tremendous amount of responsibility. The only way to get things done is through Christ who

strengthens me. With the Lord's help and the cooperation of the people, we will be able to get things done to reach people in a changing climate of churches and culture for the next 25 years."

PASSION FOR MINISTRY

Blue repented for salvation at age 12 after understanding his need for Christ at a Vacation Bible School held by Levy Street Baptist Mission in Shreveport. Four years later, Blue accepted the call to vocational ministry after several weeks of leading a home-based small group Bible study sponsored by Levy Street Baptist Mission.

During the years that followed, Blue served as associate pastor at Mid-

City Baptist Church in Shreveport and as children's director at West Side Baptist Church in Shreveport. He also served as pastor of First Baptist Church in Castor, First Baptist Church in Urania, First Baptist Church in Ringgold, Calvary Baptist Church in Ruston and Walker Baptist.

Blue remained active in associational life, and was moderator and vice moderator of several associations. He also was a member of the Louisiana Baptist Convention Executive Board and other statewide committees.

"These positions on the associational level gave me the skillset and knowledge to do the work I am at now," Blue said. "In the last 10 years, I have been invited by several associa-



Brian Blackwell photo

Richard Blue, pastor of Walker Baptist Church for the last 20 years, began serving as the Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association director of missions Oct. 1. A top priority for Blue will be developing a plan to best relate to the association's 44 churches that are diverse in their worship style and approach to ministry.

tions to submit my name as director of missions. I didn't run looking for this; this came running for me."

A watershed moment took place when Blue attended a training session in January for potential direc-

tors of missions. While there, Blue was challenged to examine if he was called to this new role.

"I was still a pastor because I was called to be

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Vote NO on fantasy sports betting in Louisiana

By Staff

Baptist Message

During the 2018 regular session of the state legislature, lawmakers passed House Bill 484, allowing Internet gambling on fantasy sports.

Participants will pay to create a virtual sports team based on actual players in sports leagues.

Wins and losses will be based on the players selected and how each athlete performs week-to-week on their real teams, thereby accruing points for the fantasy team.

Although, signed into law by Governor John Bel Edwards as Act 322, Louisiana's Constitution requires a statewide vote, which will be held Nov. 6.

Approval or defeat will be parish-by-parish, meaning some parts of



the state might allow fantasy sports and others prohibit it.

The Louisiana Baptist Convention is urging church members to aggressively campaign

to vote "NO" on fantasy sports.

"This type of gambling is insidious because it specifically targets children," said Will Hall, director of Louisiana

Baptists' Office of Public Policy. "Gambling industry claims that children can be excluded by technology ring hollow."

"Already, children in the state are circumvent-

ing 'systems' designed to keep them out of gambling," Hall said. "The Picard Center at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette found 40.6 percent of sixth graders, 44.1 percent of eighth graders, 40.8 percent of 10th graders and 34.4 percent of 12th graders gambled in 2016 (the latest research on the subject)."

"On top of that, Louisiana has been declared to have the fourth highest incidence of problem gambling in the country" Hall added. "We have 179,000 problem gamblers and 96,000 pathological gamblers in the state, already."

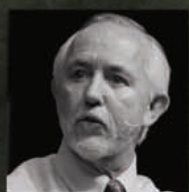
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Abortionist open for business in Alexandria?

ALEXANDRIA –Brian Gunter, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Pollock, has issued an alert to area pastors, expressing concern that abortion

provider Rashonda Dean, a physician and Alexandria resident, “may already be performing abortions in our community, or she may plan to do so in the near future.”

Her local clinic, Cenla Total Care, is located at 3807 Prescott Road in Alexandria.

Gunter said Louisiana Department of Health statistics “show that the abortion rate suddenly increased among women in Rapides Parish in 2017,” coinciding, he added, with Dean’s February 2017 resumption of seeing patients in Alexandria.

Gunter noted that Dean also operates clinics in Opelousas and New Orleans.

Based on publicly accessible documents, “Louisiana Right to Life estimates that Dr. Dean performed nearly 16,000 abortions in New Orleans

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and Baton Rouge from 2012-2017,” he said.

Alexandria-area pastors previously signed a private letter to Dean asking her not to open an abortion facility in the community. Now community leaders plan a “peaceful and respectful prayer rally” was held 12:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 19, near Dean’s Cenla Total Care clinic.

More information about Dean and the prayer rally can be found at www.prolifelouisiana.org/dean.

LOUISIANA TEEN SETS ROUND-THE-WORLD FLIGHT RECORD BY YOUNGEST PILOT

Mason Andrews, a student at Louisiana Tech in Ruston, awaits certi-

fication as the youngest person to fly solo around the world, and across the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

Andrews was 18 years, 163 days old when he touched down Saturday, Oct. 6, in Monroe, according to KATC.com, 71 days younger than the previous record holder.

The teen told KATC.com about flying 10½ hours through a sandstorm over Saudi Arabia, and getting stuck in the Philippines because of typhoons, and that the highlight of his circumnavigation of the globe was flying into Paris at night.

“I saw the Eiffel Tower on the approach,” he said, adding that once on the ground, “I went and saw it all lit up and walked along the Seine. ... I was able to realize, ‘I just flew across the Atlantic Ocean!’”

Andrews is majoring in professional aviation and is working towards an airline transport pilot rating and his commercial and flight instructor’s licenses.

LOUISIANA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FOUNDED 200 YEARS AGO

The Louisiana Bap-

tist Association, the first Baptist association established in Louisiana, was founded 200 years ago on October 31, 1818, Karon McCartney, Louisiana Baptist archivist, confirmed to the *Baptist Message*.

Joseph Willis was elected the first moderator at the inaugural meeting held at the Beulah Baptist Church in Cheneyville.

According to records, Willis also was a leader in founding all five LBA charter member churches: Calvary, Bayou Chicot (1812), Beulah, Cheneyville (1816), Aimwell, Oberlin (1817), Vermillions, Lafayette (1817) and Plaquemine, Branch (1817).

Randy Willis, a noted writer and descendant of Joseph Willis as well as family historian, said Joseph Willis preached the first Gospel sermon by an evangelical west of the Mississippi, in 1798.

“The exact date that Joseph Willis preached in the Louisiana Territory west of the Mississippi River is not known,” he said, “but what is known is that it was before October 1, 1800, the date Napoleon secured Louisiana

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Fields of Faith yields 92 decisions for Christ

By Brian Blackwell
and Kirbi Cochran

Message Staff Writers

PINEVILLE – Hundreds of students lined up at Louisiana College's Wildcat Stadium to celebrate a victory in Jesus at the Fields of Faith youth revival October 7.

Evangelist Steve Paysen urged the students to stand against the culture and be a light for Christ. At the invitation, 25 students came forward to declare Christ as Lord of their lives and 67 made other spiritual decisions.

"The only heart He can change is a broken heart that's broken over sin," Paysen said. "Jesus is looking for the broken hearted. The only way you and I can be forgiven for sin is to acknowledge the cross for what it is."

According to its website, Fields of Faith is an interdenominational, student-led event that motivates youth

to pray for, share with and challenge their peers to read the Bible and follow Christ.

The first Fields of Faith drew more than 6,000 participants in a couple of Midwestern states in 2004. It now attracts more than 190,000 teens at 500 high school football fields and gyms nationwide annually.

Fields of Faith at Wildcat Stadium featured Paysen, testimonies by students and inspirational music.

It was a pre-event for the Hope4U GO TELL Crusade Oct. 14-17 at the Rapides Parish Coliseum in Alexandria.

The Fields of Faith and Hope4U GO TELL Crusade were among many Harvest events that have taken place in 2018. The Harvest is Louisiana Baptists' campaign to "pray for every home and share Christ with every person" in Louisiana.

Andre Barr, one of the students who accepted Christ, told the *Baptist Message* the event drew him out



Kirbi Cochran photo

Evangelist Steve Paysen urged students to stand against the culture and be a light for Christ during the Fields of Faith youth revival Oct. 7 at Louisiana College's Wildcat Stadium. Fields of Faith at Wildcat Stadium featured Paysen, testimonies by students and inspirational music.

of his comfort zone.

"Immediately, as I stood up (during the decision time), I just felt everybody's hands on me," said Barr, who attends Christian Worship Center in Alexandria.

"I knew that as I started praying that I was with God and He was within me, and I was going to be able to repent and feel his presence within me. The people around me were crying and they were smiling and

you could just tell that God touched each and every body here."

Laney Farlick was inspired to become a sold-out follower of Jesus on campus.

"He [Paysen] spoke about how we shouldn't give in and how we should be ourselves for Him and not for anyone else. That's really what spoke to me tonight," said Farlick, a member of Hebron Baptist Church in Dry Prong.

Brennan Brasher, a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Alexandria, said Fields of Faith allowed him to confront some setbacks in his own life.

"I've been struggling with a lot of sin and trying to stay on the path that He wants me to stay on," Brasher said. "He really showed me tonight that I'm forgiven, and He is here to help me get through everything and push past all the things Satan is trying to put in my life."

Tanner Lewis, also a member of Calvary Baptist in Alexandria, felt challenged by Paysen to stand strong for Christ in his school.

"I felt the message Steve Paysen covered really got to the hearts of those participating, and it really opened the eyes of many, like mine, to be extremely careful who we surround ourselves with, in order to keep our faith in God strong and growing."

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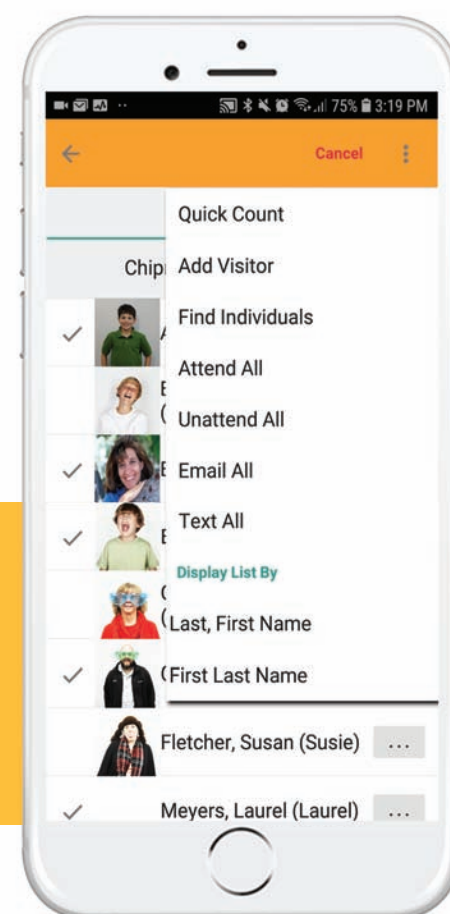


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SEEDS PLANTED, 400 SAVED AT HOPE4U



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A woman raised her hands during a time of worship at the Hope4U GO TELL Crusade. Award-winning Christian bands Rush of Fools and NewSong were joined by an area-wide mass choir as well as the GO TELL worship team to share about Christ through music during the four-day event.



Scott Camp challenged the crowd at the Hope4U Crusade to give up their idols and follow Christ alone.



Ken Freeman shared his testimony of how he turned from an out-of-control life to a purpose-driven one anchored in Christ.



Rick Gage made a passionate plea to the crowd during the first night of the Hope4U Crusade.

By Brian Blackwell
Message Staff Writer

ALEXANDRIA – The Rapides Parish Coliseum became a house of prayer and repentance during the Hope4U GO TELL Crusade Oct. 14-17.

By the end of the multi-event Harvest effort, 420 new believers had declared Christ as Lord and 401 had made other decisions for a total of 821 transformed lives. The highest attended session was the youth emphasis night Oct. 17, which drew 1,983 people.

Hope4U had the support from at least 50 churches in the CENLA Baptist Association as well as congregations from other denominations. The crusade was one of many events held or scheduled this year as part of the statewide Harvest campaign to “pray for every home and share with every person” in Louisiana.

“One of the things mentioned over and over was the amazing presence of God’s Spirit and unity among our local churches as we gathered together for this endeavor,” said crusade co-chair Andrew Orr, who also is minister of education and outreach at Philadelphia Baptist Church in Deville. “I feel like it will be a continuous effort moving forward of community and working together across racial and denominational lines because there was a sweet spirit. It’s been refreshing to watch so many come together over the past months and during the four days of the crusade.”

The crusade featured Rick Gage, founder of GO TELL Crusades in Duluth, Georgia, team evangelist Ken Freeman, founder of Ken Freeman Ministries in Martindale, Texas, and Scott Camp, founder of Discover Joy Ministries in Fort Worth, Texas, who brought Gospel messages. Meanwhile, award-winning Christian bands Rush of Fools and NewSong were joined by an area-wide mass choir as well as the GO TELL worship team to share about Christ through music.

UNIFIED OUTREACH

Hope4U is believed to be one of the largest multi-denominational evangelistic outreaches ever to take place in central Louisiana. Nearly 400 people were trained to serve as crusade ushers, decision and follow up counselors and prayer warriors.

“It was truly a picture of the body of Christ functioning,” said Tim Hisaw, captain for the counseling and follow-up team. “Seeing it all come together and happen was phenomenal.”

“There will be an eternal impact on those who receive Christ but also a current impact on those saved, and their families and schools,” continued Hisaw, pastor of Tioga First Baptist Church. “With Christ we have purpose, hope and peace. It should make for better churches, schools and communities.”

Trey Lewis, pastor of New Prospect Baptist Church in Dry Prong and chair of the banquet team, was encouraged by the unity among fellow Christians.



Evangelist Rick Gage congratulated those who came forward to place their trust in Christ. During the four-day crusade at the Rapides Parish Coliseum in Alexandria, 420 declared Jesus as Lord and 401 made another decision.

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Crusade from page 8

"I am a committed Southern Baptist, but I learned a long time ago that I am a Christian first," Lewis said. "Coming together to embrace the vision of reaching those without Jesus Christ across denominational and racial lines warmed my heart. I truly sensed the fragrance of heaven as we planned together."

"Love for our Savior and love for the lost fueled the passion and we dropped those artificial distinctions, for a higher call was at work in our midst," he continued. "I know I am not the same. I asked our Big Creek associational pastors at a recent meeting, 'Why cannot this be the norm instead of the exception?' I'm still thinking about that. As a believer in Christ and as a pastor, you can count on me to commit to more of this kind of Kingdom work in the future."

Carl Gulde, co-chair of the outreach team and pastor of Bethel Baptist Church in Colfax, enjoyed working alongside fellow pastors and lay leaders as they saw many lives changed and countless Gospel seeds planted.

"I believe the outstanding cooperation between the churches that was implemented for this event has opened the door for planning together for future events for the glory of God and growing His kingdom," he said.

STUDENT OUTREACH

Leading up to Hope4U, organizers planned several events to reach the area's youth, including a Field of Faith student revival Oct. 7 at Louisiana College's Wildcat Stadium, conducted in conjunction with chapters of area Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and an Oct. 11 chapel service on the Louisiana College campus.

During the week of the crusade, students at many of the junior and senior high schools in Rapides Parish attended assemblies featuring character building messages by crusade evangelists.

The final night of Hope4U featured a youth emphasis night with free pizza accompanied by music by national recording artist Gawvi and a message by Gage. It was the highest attended session of the crusade, with nearly 2,000.

"The part where (Rick Gage) went straight into talking about Hell and didn't try to go around it really stood out to me," said Allie Armstrong, a student at Alexandria Senior High and member of Calvary Baptist Church in Alexandria. "He was just like 'This is how it is!'"

Kylee Robertson, a student at Buckeye Middle School and a member of Philadelphia Baptist Church in Deville, was moved to tears when several of her friends came forward to accept Christ.

"My friend actually brought a friend who is not saved," Robertson said. "She brought other friends that also were not saved, and they were messing around [during the service]. It was getting our hopes down that they were not going to get saved tonight. Then the invitation came, and they put their phones up and started listening. When we were all called to come down, they went down. So, everyone was crying, and we were all happy."



Joshua Joy Dara, pastor of Zion Hill Church Family in Pineville, was all smiles as he addressed the crowd during the first night of the Hope4U GO TELL Crusade.



Louisiana College President Rick Brewer encouraged students to impact the culture for Christ.



Philip Robertson, pastor of Philadelphia Baptist Church in Deville, shared a few words at the Hope4U GO TELL Crusade.

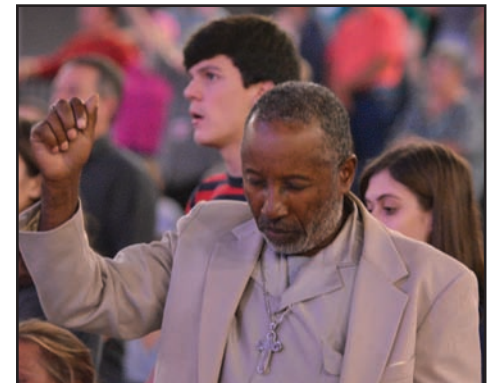


Doug Collier & Brian Blackwell photos

Dozens of people lined the altar after a call to pray for restoration and salvation by evangelist Ken Freeman on the second night of the Hope4U GO TELL Crusade. Freeman shared his testimony of how he turned from an out-of-control life to a purpose-driven one anchored in Christ. He told the crowd Jesus can transform their lives too, if they repent of their sins and turn to Him. "I'm proof," he said. "God can take a mess and make it His message."



Audience members raised their hands in praise to God during a time of worship.



(From top left, clockwise) Christian hip hop artist Gawvi, Christian contemporary music group New-Song, GO TELL worship team member Joy Fowler and Wes Willis of the award winning Christian band Rush of Fools. All shared the Gospel through music during the Hope4U GO TELL Crusade Oct. 14-17 at the Rapides Parish Coliseum in Alexandria.



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Notice of intention to amend Baptist Message Charter

Amendments to the *Louisiana Baptist Message* Articles of Incorporation require a "two-thirds majority of the Board of Trustees and the approval of a two-thirds majority of the messengers at any annual or special meeting of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, after notice of the intention to amend the charter together with the proposed amendment have been published in the *Baptist Message* not less than twice in the thirty days immediately preceding the meeting of the Louisiana Baptist Convention."

Baptist Message trustees approved a number of changes in May 2018, and this article is the first notice of the intention to amend the charter.

The following amendments are recommended (deletions are indicated with a ~~strikethrough~~ and additions by **bolded text**; all changes are underlined :

1. NAME

The Name of the Corporations shall be BAPTIST MESSAGE.

2. OBJECTS AND PURPOSES

(B) To own and operate ~~printing plants and~~ all necessary appurtenances for the ~~printing~~ **publishing** of the BAPTIST MESSAGE, and such other ~~publications products~~ as may be ~~published~~ **desired** by the corporation; ~~to engage in job printing of religious literature and materials for churches and church-related institutions;~~ to sell advertising in the publications of the corporation to help defray the costs of such publications, and generally to do everything incidental and necessary to its stated objects and purposes.

3. A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

This is a non-profit corporation as defined by ~~R. S. 12:101 (H)~~ **Louisiana Revised Statutes** organized on a non-stock basis.

12. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The affairs of this corporation shall be directed by a Board of Trustees consisting of two-ex-officio members, to wit, the Executive ~~Secretary~~ **Director** of the Executive Board of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, the President of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, and Twelve (12) trustees to be elected by the Membership at the annual meeting hereof, said election shall be held in conjunction with the report of the Nominating Committee of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, which said trustees shall be members in good standing of Baptist churches constituent of the Louisiana Baptist Convention.

13. FIRST BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The names, addresses and terms of office of the first Board of Trustees are as follows:

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19. BEGINNING OF TERMS OF OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The terms of office of new members of the Board of Trustees hereof shall begin at ~~the first meeting, regular or special of the Board of Trustees held following their election~~ **the close of the annual meeting during which they were elected.**

20. TRUSTEES CONTINUE IN OFFICE UNTIL SUCCESSORS ELECTED AND QUALIFIED

Members of the Board of Trustees shall continue to serve until their successors have been elected ~~and qualified by attending a meeting of the Board of Trustees.~~



Formed in 1944 as a non-profit agency, the Louisiana Baptist Foundation encourages giving, and assists Louisiana Baptists with bequests to LBC churches and ministries, as well as Southern Baptist missions and ministries.

Down Home Thoughts ... Again

By Jerry Love

LBF Planned Giving Director

Every now and then I have to get back to my North Louisiana piney woods upbringing.

I shared these down home thoughts on giving a few years back and they still haven't gone out of style.

Another year's winding down and it's time to be reminded of a few basic ideas on giving to support your church or other ministry that God's plucking your heart strings over.

Let's jump right in:

1) GIVE.

Yep, that's pretty elementary but in this day and age it doesn't hurt to be reminded. Times might be tough for you but when I look in God's Holy Word, I don't see exceptions to giving, even being poor.

In 2 Corinthians 8:1-5 Paul tells about the dirt po' Macedonians who begged him to take their gift so they could help Believers who were really hurtin'. In verse 9 Paul says Jesus was rich but became poor so we might be rich. So now you're rich and you ain't got no excuse. Just give!

2) PLAN.

Most gifts don't happen because of... NO PLANNING. Like most things in life, you gotta think about it first. Sit down with your significant other - wife, husband, favorite hunting dog - but no cats - and take a look at how God has laid blessings on your doorstep. (Might want to stop and thank Him while you're at it.) If you need help working out a plan that legally gives the IRS a good ol' Cajun jeer, call the Louisiana Baptist Foundation.

We'll drink coffee at our place or sit at your kitchen table to discuss a gift that uses your Will or some form of trust to

bless others way past your lifetime. Don't forget to remember: Prior Proper Planning Prevents Poor Performance.

3) FIND THE RIGHT PLACE.

No brainer, right? Not necessarily. First let's make it clear we're talkin' bout gifts above the tithe here. We are blessed beyond measure by God's love; we oughta give so others can be blessed the same. Find a ministry that's pointin' people to Jesus. Where, you ask? Open your eyes! Might even consider praying about it. Most likely you're already knee-deep in a church or ministry so Give where your heart is already.

4) FIND THE RIGHT STUFF.

We say it over and over again: cash ain't always the best way to give. Sometimes you need your cash for other things, like paying the light bill. You might have some other stuff that would work just as well (or better) without puttin' a hole in your monthly budget. A lot of these assets like stock, mutual funds, or real estate have the added bonus of knockin' off (legally, of course) the IRS capital gains taxes. You can give it now or you can use some of the above mentioned property to create a "deferred gift" that happens later.

5) REVIEW.

Some of you folks out there reading this, or having it read to you, have already done a pretty good job of giving and making plans to give. It sure don't hurt to take a look at your plans every now and again to make sure they're doing what you intended.

Life can throw you a "low, hanging curve ball" sometimes, but if you've planned well and kept your plans up to date you can still "knock it outta the park" instead of "hittin' a dribbler down to first base."

Pray, plan, give and review. Good keys to giving anytime.

LBF begins celebration of 75th year of service to Louisiana Baptists

By Jerry Love

LBF Planned Giving Director

ALEXANDRIA - The year 1944 was a pivotal and eventful one in modern history.

With World War II on the minds of all, the invasion of Normandy and the Battle of the Bulge turned the tide against Nazi Germany in 1944.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt was elected to an unprecedented 4th term and Central New York was hit with a 5.9 earthquake.

Minimum wage stood at 30 cents per hour and houses on average cost about \$3000.00. Born that year were singer Diana Ross, film maker George Lucas and boxing legend Joe Frazier.

And... The Louisiana Baptist Foundation was created.

The Louisiana Baptist Foundation was chartered in 1944 as a non-profit agency of the Louisiana Baptist Convention to encourage giving and assist with gifts to the churches and other entities associated with the LBC and Southern Baptist Convention.

The Foundation currently provides services to individuals and churches in several basic areas.

- EDUCATION ON ESTATE STEWARDSHIP

The staff of the Foundation offers information on estate stewardship through printed material, speaking engagements and workshops.

We also use print and electronic media to keep Louisiana Baptists aware of changes in the state and federal tax code that affect estate planning and giving.

- ENCOURAGING AND ASSISTING WITH PLANNED GIVING

The LBF serves as a resource and assists individuals who desire to leave financial or tangible assets to their church or other Baptist ministry.

The term 'planned giving'

refers to specific strategies that (in most cases) benefit a church or ministry at some point in the future while often times offering immediate benefits to the donor. Here are some methods of giving:

BEQUESTS

The laws governing our society allow us the freedom to direct the distribution of our assets upon our death.

Bequests through a well drafted Last Will and Testament are a primary way to care for your family while providing a gift that will benefit God's kingdom. You can leave a specific bequest such as a stated cash amount or a particular piece of property, or specify a certain percentage of your estate to benefit a ministry. You may also consider making specific gifts to your family and leave the "leftovers" or remainder of the estate to your church or other ministry.

Other important aspects of having a Will are naming an executor to carry out your stated desires and, if necessary, name a caregiver or custodian for any minor children in your care.

DEFERRED GIFTS

A Deferred Gift is simply a gift to a charitable organization or ministry that happens at some point in the future. Bequests are considered a deferred gift but there are other ways of giving that may provide additional benefit to the donor.

Charitable Remainder Trusts and Charitable Gift Annuities are two types of deferred gifts that pay income to the donor (or a family member) during their lifetime. Upon the death of the income recipient, the remainder of the initial gift is then directed to the donor's church or a ministry selected by them. Although these two gift arrangements operate similarly they are used for different reasons and can be modified to meet a variety

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At LC Chapel, Holy Spirit moves 98 students to make decisions

By Brian Blackwell
 Message Staff Writer

PINEVILLE – A movement by the Holy Spirit prompted 98 Louisiana College students to make life-changing decisions for Christ during the campus chapel service Oct. 11.

LC President Rick Brewer said the college staff and local pastors prayed countless times God would move among the students. While many students repented to restore fellowship with the Lord, 29 others made first-time salvation decisions.

“In my near 32 years in Christian higher education, I have never seen such a response to the Gospel,” said LC President Rick Brewer. “Despite peer pressure and their concerns about lunch-time, these students decided to get serious with God.”

Each student, who made a decision, received the discipleship book “Download.”

Members of the LC staff and local pastors will follow

up with each individual who made decisions Thursday. Tim Hisaw, pastor of Tioga First Baptist Church and chair of the counseling and follow-up team for the upcoming Hope4U Crusade, was amazed at the response.

“This was truly a mighty move of God,” Hisaw said. “The Lord even moved some students to come forward at the end of the chapel service and counsel some of their friends. If this is any indication to how the Holy Spirit could move during the Hope4U Crusade next week, we are in for a truly amazing event.”

In his message to students at the chapel service, Rick Gage, founder of GO TELL Crusades in Duluth, Georgia, said the desire of the Louisiana College leadership is for every one of the students to have a relationship with Christ.

“It is impossible to meet God the father, God the son and God the Holy Spirit and not know it,” Gage said. “It is



Brian Blackwell photo

Evangelist Rick Gage prayed with students who came forward during the Louisiana College chapel service Oct. 11. At the invitation, 98 students surrendered to Christ or made other spiritual decisions.

also impossible to meet God the father, God the son and God the Holy Spirit and not change.

“When a person truly gets saved they will have a desire in their heart for others to know Jesus,” he continued. “I want to ask all of us here today how many of us in this room today can say you are ready to meet God? The Scripture declares that we must be ready.”

Since the semester began, revival has swept across the Louisiana College campus.

On Sept. 14, 30 students surrendered their lives to Christ on the final day of the school’s fall revival. During the Fields of Faith youth revival Oct. 7, Louisiana College students were among the 92 junior high, high school and college students who placed their trust in the Lord.

Despite the results in the

past couple of months, Brewer said his staff is anticipating more mighty movements of the Holy Spirit across campus.

“We do not intend to rest on our laurels,” Brewer said. “Instead, Louisiana College will continue to be God’s instrument as He helps us fulfill our vision of preparing graduates and transforming lives. Truly, that is what we witnessed today.”

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EDITOR'S NOTE: *Do you have a Revival, Homecoming, a new pastor, a community outreach or a concert? The Baptist Message would love to share your church news with the rest of the state. It is very easy to do, just send in your information (who, what, where and when) to philip@baptistmessage.com or call 318.449.4345. To get your event in the paper, please submit your information three weeks prior to the event.*

HOMECOMING

■ Cooper Baptist Church, Leesville: **Homecoming**, October 28, 11 a.m. Sunday School will be at 9:45a.m. A meal will follow the service. All are invited to attend. Speaker: **Larry Laurent**. Pastor: Edgar Evans Sr.

■ Beulah Baptist Church, Mansfield: **130th Homecoming**, October 28, 10:30a.m. There will be a covered dish lunch after the worship service. Speaker: **Billy Crosby**, Pastor Emeritus, **Summer Grove Baptist Church, Shreveport**. Special Music: **"Signed, Sealed, Delivered"** Pastor: David Permenter.

■ Parhams Baptist Church, Jonesville: **107th Homecoming**, October 28, 11 a.m. Catered meal will follow the worship service. Speaker: **Tony Ganey**. Special Music: **Clifford White**. Pastor: Tony Ganey.

■ First Baptist Church, Jena: **175th Homecoming**, November 4, 10 a.m. Dinner on the grounds will follow the service. Speaker: **Bo Owens**. A time capsule buried by the youth at the 150th anniversary will be dug up. Pastor: Dominick DiCarlo.

■ Bethlehem Baptist Church, Mangham: **100th Anniversary**. November 4, 10-11 a.m. Special Music; 11 a.m., worship service. Lunch will follow the worship service. Guest Speaker: **David Hankins**, **Executive Director of Louisiana Baptists**. Dr. Hankins will present a plaque commemorating the church's 100th anniversary. Pastor: Keith Stephens.

■ Westside Baptist Church, Ponchatoula: **35th Homecoming**, November 4, 10:30 a.m. A church wide luncheon will follow the service. Pastor: Dickie Nelson.

■ Lone Cherry Baptist Church, Mangham: **121st Homecoming**, November 4, 10:30 a.m. Dinner on the grounds will follow the worship service. Speaker: **Chris Crawford**, **Eastside Baptist Church, Rayville**. Pastor: Doyle Adams.

REVIVAL

■ First Baptist Church, Haughton: **Harvest Sunday**, October 28, Evangelist: **Bill Britt**. Pastor: Gevan Spinney.

■ Vatican Baptist Church, Carencro: **Revival**, October 28-31, Sunday, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 6 p.m. Evangelist: **Joe Aulds**. Pastor: Chad Thibodeaux.

■ New Chapel Baptist Church, West Monroe: **Revival**, November 4-7. Sunday 10:45 AM and 6 p.m., Monday-Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Evangelist: **Alan Miller**. Worship Music: **Jay Ellerman**. Pastor: Marty Black.

■ Second Baptist Church, Jackson: **Revival**, November 4-7, Sunday, 10:30 & 6:30, Monday-Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Evangelists: **The Lisembys**. Pastor: Clark Fooshee, Jr.

■ Topsy Baptist Church, Ragely: **Revival**, November 4-7, 6 p.m. Evangelist: **Mackey Willis and Family**. Pastor: Lloyd Carroll.

■ Gulf Coast Baptist Church, Golden Meadow: **Revival**, November 4-7, Sunday, 11 a.m. Speaker: **Mike Shumock**; 3:30, Speaker: **Conin Sherlin**; 5:30 p.m., Speaker: **Herman Callais**; 6:30 p.m., Speaker: **Joe Arnold**. A meal and fellowship will follow services at 7:30 p.m.; Monday, 6:30 p.m., Speaker: **John Herbert**; Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Speaker: **Joe Arnold**; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Speaker: **Joe Arnold**. Pastor: Shane Terrebonne.

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■ North Monroe Baptist Church, Monroe: **Night of Hope, benefit gospel concert for St. Jude's Children's Hospital**, Friday, October 26 at 7 p.m. Special Speakers/Singers: **Gordon Mote, The Talleys, Mark Bishop and Dr. Phil Hoskins**. Group rates are available for churches. For tickets, email SJNightofHope@gmail.com or call 318.417.3939. Pastor: Bill Dye.

■ Milldale Baptist Church, Zachary: **Brian Free and Assurance in concert**, October 26, 7 p.m. Pastor: Dennis Terry.

■ Calvary Baptist Church, Slidell: **Fall Festival**, October 26, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Pastor: Aaron McGuffee.

■ First Baptist Church, Houma: **Becoming - 2018 Women's Conference**, October 26-27, Friday, 5 p.m. with a jambalaya supper. Saturday, 8 a.m. coffee and breakfast snacks provided, conference begins at 9 a.m. Speaker: **Leslie Vernick**, **Christian author, counselor and coach**. Cost: \$35. **Trunk or Treat**, October 28, 4-7 p.m. Pastor: Steve Folmar.

■ Greenwell Springs Baptist Church, Greenwell Springs: **Save a Nation Conference**. This powerful 2-day conference on October 26-27 will feature **Alex McFarland**, who will be joined by **world's foremost Messianic Jewish Apologist Dr. Michael Brown**, **radio host & author Meeke Addison**, **journalist & factivist Ryan Bomberger**, **pop culture expert and "counter culture mom" Tina Marie Griffin**, **"My Affliction for His Glory" author Daniel Ritchie**, **Christian Apologist, theologian Juan Valdes**, **author & founder of MAVEN Brett Kunkle** and **Church for All Nations senior pastor Mark Cowart**. The conference also includes an exclusive viewing of the culture-changing "Genesis - Paradise Lost" movie and a Friday night concert performance by leading Christian hip hop artist TEDASHII* To get tickets for the conference, go online to adventnc.com/events/baton_rouge/. Pastor: Brian Robertson.

■ Northshore Baptist Church, Slidell: **Trunk or Treat**, October 27 6-7:30 p.m. in the church parking lot. There will be a treat walk and face painting. There will be Jambalaya, hot dogs, chips, and drinks available for purchase. To register to decorate your trunk, go to www.Northshore-Church.net. Remember no scary masks or costumes. Pastor: Larry McEwen.

■ New Prospect Baptist Church, Dry Prong: **Fall Festival**, October 27, 4-6

6-7 p.m. There will be food, games, trunk or treat, a cake walk, and much, much more. Pastor: Robby Poole.

■ Greenwell Springs Baptist Church, Greenwell Springs: **Fall Family Fellowship**, October 28, 5-7 p.m. There will be food, inflatables, preschool playground, hay ride, chili cook off, costume parade (please no scary costumes) and trunk or treat. Pastor: Brian Robertson.

■ Trinity Baptist Church, Hammond: **Free Family Fall Festival**, October 28, 5:30-7 p.m. Everyone is invited to come enjoy games, inflatables, rock climbing wall, chili cook-off, hotdogs, trunk or treat, and a country store. Pastor: Avery Dixon.

■ Gateway Baptist Church, Ball: **Trunk or Treat**, October 28, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Join us for a fun night of treats, activities, food, music, and more! Bring a friend and join the fun. Door prizes will be given out for those who stay and have fun with Gateway.

■ First Baptist Church, Bogalusa: **Fall Festival**, October 28, 5:30-8:30 p.m. There will be trunk or treats, chili dogs, a cake walk and costumes. Bring your lawn chair and a friend. Pastor: Greg Whaley.

■ Westside Baptist Church, Ponchatoula: **Trunk or Treat**, October 28, 4-6 p.m. There will be Trunk or Treating for the kids, bounce house, face painting, hot dogs and pizza. Pastor: Dickie Nelson.

■ Amite Baptist Church, Denham Springs: **Trunk or Treat**, October 28, 5-7 p.m. This is a free family-fun event. Pastor: Michael Luce.

■ Brookwood Baptist Church, Shreveport: **Fall Fest 2018**, October 28, 4:30-6:30 p.m. There will be food trucks, cow train, face paint, bounce houses, plus a new addition this year, a collection of Classic Cars. And it is all free. Pastor: David Rice.

■ First Baptist Church, Ruston: **From Islam to Christian**, October 28, 8:45-11 a.m. Speaker: **Naeem Fazal**. Pastor: Chris Craig.

■ Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, West Monroe: **Fall Festival**, October 28, 4-7 p.m. There will be inflatables, snow cone, popcorn, bounce house, cookie and cake walk, and lots of candy for the kids. Pastor: Randy Burdeaux.

■ First Baptist Church, Winnfield: **Fall Festival**, October 30, 5-7 p.m. FBC will be participating in the annual Winn Parish Annual Fall Festival once again. Booths will be set up in front of the church's main street entrance and gymnasium. Pastor: Steven Smithson.

■ First Baptist Church, Hornbeck: **Fall Festival**, October 31, 6-8 p.m. Pastor: Jack Bell.

■ First Baptist Church, Vidalia: **Trunk or Treat**, October 31, 6 p.m. There will be tons of candy, cake walk, popcorn, cotton candy and flock of faith petting zoo. Pastor: Wes Faulk.

■ First Baptist Church, Ferriday: **Annual Trunk or Treat**, October 31, 5:30-6:30 pm. There will be games, food, candy and family fun in a safe environment. Pastor: Josh Morea.

■ Bethel Baptist Church, Colfax: **Harvest Fest**, October 31, 6-8 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Come enjoy the obstacle course, games, fellowship, cotton candy, popcorn, food and family fun. Pastor: Carl Gulde.

■ Vick Baptist Church, Vick: **Trunk or Treat and Chili Cookoff**, October 31, 6:15-7:15 p.m. The Chili Cookoff starts at 5:30. Trunk or Treat and dinner start at 6:15 p.m. Pastor: Dobie Perkins.

■ First Baptist Church, Kenner: **Community Trunk or Treat**, October 31, 6-7:30

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Scripture Crypto

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.

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Clues:
D = S; J = E

Answer to October 11 Scripture Crypto:
Second Samuel seventeen: three



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a pastor, but at the same time I asked 'what is it Lord you want me to do,'" he said. "Associational and denominational life has been a blessing to me and I'm at a point where I need to give back to the younger generation through mentoring or teaching. I felt the Lord had something else for me to do. I have a good 10 years left in me to do something for the Lord and I'm at a place where passing on the torch is important."

CHANGING VISION

A top priority for Blue will be developing a plan to best relate to the association's 44 churches that

are diverse in their worship style and approach to ministry.

"The work of the association is changing because our churches are changing," Blue said. "We have to change our approach in how we do that."

"Churches are changing in the style and the way they do church," he continued. "One size doesn't fit all. And while the style changes, God and scripture doesn't. I'm going to work with pastors to cast a unified vision going forward. I am here to serve as the pastors' pastor."

"The vision is to strengthen the churches and retool the association to meet the needs of the



Carl Sullivan, interim pastor of New Bethlehem Baptist Church in Watson, prayed over Richard Blue and his wife, Vickie, at the Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association annual meeting Oct. 8. Blue began serving as the association's director of missions Oct. 1.

future," he said. "The association is changing as the churches do. We are going

to have to be flexible to do new things we have never done before."

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p.m. Come out for a safe night of trick or treating, free hot dog supper, lots of candy, and fun. The event will take place in the parking lot behind FBC's worship center at 1400 Williams Blvd in Kenner.

■ Siloam Baptist Church, Many: **Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat**, October 31, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Come eat, trunk or treat, play carnival games, and worship with fellow Christians on Halloween night. Costumes are allowed, but please NO scary costumes. Pastor: Wilton Anthony.

■ Bethlehem Baptist Church, Albany: **Community-wide Trunk or Treat**, October 31. There will be plenty of candy, fun and fellowship. Pastor: Jason Ogle.

■ First Baptist Church, Zwolle: **Trunk or Treat**, October 31, 5-7 p.m. There will be plenty of candy, fun and fellowship as everyone is encourage to decorate their car trunk or truck bed and hand out candy to the kids in the church parking lot. Pastor:

Marty Williams.

■ First Baptist Church, Haynesville: Fall Family Festival and Trunk or Treat, October 31, 5:30-7 p.m. Pastor: Jeff Tinsley.

■ First Baptist Church, Morgan City: Fall Fest, October 31, 6-8 p.m. There will be games, jumper houses, and lots candy. Pastor: Brent Romero

■ Grace Memorial Baptist Church, Slidell: Trunk or Treat, October 31, 6-8 p.m. Pastor: Dennis Phelps.

■ Zoar Baptist Church, Central: Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat, October 31, 6-8 p.m. There will be games, inflatables, trunk or treat, and lots of food. Pastor: Kevin Hand.

■ Red Bluff Baptist Church, Folsom: A "come and go" Trunk or Treat Neighborhood Outreach, October 31, 6-8 p.m. Pastor: Adam Hughes.

■ Pine Hill Baptist Church, Leesville: **Trunk or Treat at Pine Hill Fall Fest**,

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■ First Baptist Church, Many: **Fall Festival**, October 31, 4-6 p.m. in the front parking lot. Pastor: Jonathan Bost.

■ Bethlehem Baptist Church, Calvin: **Fall Fest**, October 31, 6-8 p.m. Come enjoy a fun night of fellowship at the church. There will be lots of candy for the kids and food will be provided. Pastor: Charles Malone.

■ First Baptist Church, Lafayette: **Fall Festival**, October 31, 5-7 p.m. There will be food trucks (food and drink will be available for purchase), petting zoos, games and music by Riverside Revival Band. Pastor: Steve Horn.

■ Cook Baptist Church, Ruston: **A community 'Operation Nightlight'**, October 31, 4-7 p.m. There will be plenty of food and treats for all. Pastor: Jeff Smart.

■ Philadelphia Baptist Church, Deville: **Hallow Him Trunk or Treat**, October 31, 6:30-8 p.m. There will be lots of candy, family friendly fun and food. Pastor: Philip Robertson.

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■ Mangham Baptist Church, Mangham: **Trunk or Treat**, October 31, 6:30 p.m. We will be hosting our annual Trunk or Treat in the church parking lot. There will be lot of candy, fun and fellowship. Pastor:

■ Fair Park Baptist Church, West Monroe: **Fall Fun Fest at Hope Park**, October

31, 6-8 p.m. Pastor: Waymond Warren.

■ Philadelphia Baptist Church at Horse-shoe Drive, Alexandria: **Trunk or Treat**, October 31, 5:30 p.m. Special Guest: **Paul Daily and Wild Horse Ministries**. Bring a lawn chair, get some candy and join the fun. Pastor: Clay Fuqua.

■ Crockett Point Baptist Church, Crowville: **Bible Conference**, October 31-November 2. Wednesday, 6 p.m. Speakers: **John Stroup, Eddie Bumpers**; Thursday, 10 a.m., Speakers:

Austin McCormick and John Stroup (lunch), 6 p.m., Speakers: **Rubin Weaver and Eddie Bumpers**; Friday, 10 a.m., Speakers: **Russell Caldwell & John Stroup** (lunch), 6 p.m., **Jerry Chaddick & Eddie Bumpers**. Pastor: Curtis Owens.

■ Stevendale Baptist Church, Baton Rouge: **Mark Trammel in concert**, November 1, 7 p.m. Pastor: Stephen Young.

■ Christ Baptist Church, Houma: **Southern Plainsmen in Concert**, November 3, 6 p.m. Pastor: Herman Callais, Sr.

■ New Zion Baptist Church, Covington: **Ben Waites in concert**, November 3, 10:30 a.m. Pastor: Clark Stewart.

■ First Baptist Church, Covington: **Ben Waites in concert**, November 4, 8 and 10:30 a.m. Pastor: Waylon Bailey.

■ Jerusalem Baptist Church, Hammond: **Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer**, November 5, 9:30 a.m. Guest Speaker: **Kay Bennett, Executive Director of Baptist Friendship House in New Orleans**. Please RSVP by October 30: office@northshorebaptists.net or

225.567.5086.

■ First Baptist Church, Pineville: **First@First Business Leader Luncheon**, November 5, noon. Speaker: **Kevin Boles**. Cost: \$10 and you may pay at the door. Please RSVP to Stewart Holloway (sholloway@fbcpineville.net.) Pastor: Stewart Holloway.

■ First Baptist Church, Rayville: **Engage-Area-wide Youth Evangelism Rally**, November 7, 6:30-8:30 p.m. This event is hosted by the Richland Baptist Association. DOM: Charles Rogers.

■ North Monroe Baptist Church, Monroe: **Together in Concert Matt Maher and Zach Williams**, November 8, 7 p.m. Cost: VIP - \$50, general admission - \$25, general admission (group 10+) \$20. Get your tickets at <https://www.itickets.com/events/400264.html>. Doors open at 6 p.m. Pastor: Bill Dye.

■ Pritchard Baptist Church, Jena: **Judgment House**, November 8-11. For reservations call Allyson at 318.992.3351. Pastor: Terry Doughty.

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