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GBO: Doing more, with a little help from each other

By John Kyle

Louisiana Baptists Communications

ALEXANDRIA (LBM) – How do you reach a culture that is seemingly not interested in you?

How can you instill a vision and passion for missions in children?

How can you use current communication platforms to seed God's truth across the state?

How can you bring a once vibrant congregation back to life?

According to Missions and Ministries team leader John Hebert, all of the above is possible, "With a lot of help from your friends."

"In the day-in and day-out grind of ministry, it's easy to forget how large our task is," Hebert said. "If we're going to make the impact all of us agree needs to be made, we need more individuals participating in the Georgia Barnette State Missions Offering."

David Hankins, executive director for Louisiana Baptists, echoed this challenge.

"We have literally hundreds of churches and thousands of our members who do not participate in this crucial offering for Louisiana," said Hankins. "It's not simply a money issue, it's a participation issue, a resource issue. The task in Louisiana is so large, so big, it's going to take an even larger effort on our part to provide the Gospel opportunities needed to engage the estimated two million people in our state who do not have a relationship with Christ."

Since 2014 gifts to the Georgia Barnette State Missions Offering have ranged between \$1.5 and \$1.6 million dollars. The goal for 2018 is \$1.7 million dollars, which would require an increase of roughly \$118,000. Hebert notes that

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Brian Blackwell photo

Paul Taylor of Colyell Baptist Church in Livingston preaches under an evangelism tent to Hondurans moments before they entered a line to be seen at a medical clinic.

PRESCRIPTION HOPE

Honduras medical mission dispenses help, God's love

By Brian Blackwell

Message Staff Writer

SANTA CRUZ DE GUAYAPE, Honduras – A young Honduran boy named Christian approached Jerry Blackmon inside a coffee shop to sell him a homemade craft, but instead received an introduction to Jesus.

Like many Blackmon encountered during his Honduran evangelism and medical mission trip in late July, Christian believed his good works were the way to Heaven.

However, Blackmon quickly explained the true path to an eternity with God is through a relationship with His son.

"A Christian is never off the clock when it comes to being on mission," Blackmon said. "When you picture people with the sign on their back 'destined for Hell' it gives you a totally different perspective that time is short

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Brian Blackwell photo

Jeff Draughon of Calvary Baptist Church in Alexandria and his translator, Vilma, share the Gospel with a group in the village of Santa Cruz de Guayape, Honduras. Several men in the group were among 79 who accepted Christ during the team's two days there.

Salvations highlight LC revival

By Brian Blackwell

Message Staff Writer

PINEVILLE – Louisiana College's final session of its fall revival ended on a high note when 30 students surrendered their lives to Christ.

LC President Rick Brewer said he was overcome with emotion as he watched the students walk forward to make their decisions public.

"We rejoice with the news of at least

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all of the money stays in Louisiana for local missions and ministries.

"You could call GBO an organic offering," Hebert said. "It's given by Louisiana people for Louisiana people."

Hankins cited three reasons why churches and individuals should prayerfully participate in this offering.

CHURCH PLANTING SUCCESS

"We've had tremendous success in planting churches across the state," he said.

"Since 2010 more than 223 churches have been planted in 100 cities and these new churches have baptized almost 3,300 people."

PEOPLE GROUPS ENGAGED

"God is blessing our efforts in reaching the various people groups God has placed in Louisiana," Hankins continued. "Every week the Gospel is proclaimed among 14 different people groups."

The People Group Taskforce convened by the President's 2020 Commission in 2013 has completed their initial assignment and continues to meet, monitor and ideate on how we can increase our effectiveness in engaging these groups with the Gospel."

SPREADING THE MESSAGE

Hankins noted that "Here For You," Louisiana's multi-media evangelism strategy, recently completed its third pilot market in southeast Louisiana.

"Since 2014, more than 325,000 of our friends and neighbors have seen the 'Here For You' commercials in multiple markets. This does not include the reach

of social media. In February of this year over 849,000 people across the state saw the commercial during the Super Bowl and plans are being made to take this initiative statewide on a full-time basis in February 2019."

According to Hankins, "We would not be able to attempt an effort of this magnitude without assistance from the Georgia Barnette Offering."

This year's theme, "Think Big," is taken from 2 Corinthians 9:6, "A lot of seeds make a big harvest," (CEV). Hebert is praying big thinking will lead to big praying and big giving.

"The job God has given us in Louisiana is bigger than our largest church, but it is not bigger than all of our churches," Hebert said. "My prayer is God's people will ask Him how He wants them to respond to the big opportunities and big challenges that lie before us. I'm praying they will respond in obedience and faith."

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30 LC students who asked Christ to step out of Heaven and step into their hearts on this final day of our fall semester revival," Brewer said. "We prayed for a spiritual awakening on campus this year and we trust this is just the beginning of what the Lord wants to do here."

Brewer said his staff will follow up with each student and direct them to a church in their respective hometowns.

The students' salvation decisions capped a three-day Gospel emphasis, September 11-13, in the newly renovated Guinn Auditorium, with messages by evangelist Dave Edwards and music by the Louisiana College student band.

It is one of several spiritual gatherings the school is hosting this semester, including a Fields of Faith student revival Oct. 7 from 5-7 p.m. at LC's Wildcat Stadium which is in conjunction with the Hope4U Crusade, which will be held at the Rapides Parish Coliseum in Alexandria Oct. 14-17.

"As we approach the Hope 4U Crusade, the Spirit of the Lord is already at work in our community as evidenced by the blessings of the chapel service at Louisiana College," Brewer said. "I am grateful for the way Dr. Dave Edwards spoke the truth from God's Word and attentively responded to the Holy Spirit's work among our faculty and students this week."

BE THE JESUS GENERATION

In his messages, Edwards challenged Louisiana College students to be a part of the "Jesus Generation."

"The idea that you and I are called to live like Jesus

can seem like an unattainable task," said Edwards, founder of Dave Edwards Speaks in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. "We become more aware of our weaknesses when we think about that. We become more aware of our inconsistencies and the contradictions in our life."

Edwards said to be a member of the Jesus Generation, individuals must be controlled by the Father's desire, committed to faithfully disciple other believers and consumed by a future dream that one day the presence of God will cover the earth.

He encouraged all students to ask themselves the same question that forever changed his life as a high school student, "What does God want for me?"

"What's the eternal significance of your major?" he said. "What's the point of your athletic ability? It can't just be to put points on the board or get people's respect. There's got to be something deeper than that."

"To any person who is bold enough to ask this question, the Spirit of God begins to place the desires of God into your heart and you start to sense what God wants for you."

Just as Jesus' disciples changed their world, the Jesus Generation can do the same, he said.

"Think about what it was that made Jesus so persuasive," he said. "He didn't just have a message. Jesus was the message."

"The Jesus Generation doesn't just have a message about Jesus," he continued. "They are the message by the way they live and speak."

Students like Emily

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Janet Tompkins photo

Ninety-six-year-old Flora Coleman wants to make a difference in other people's lives, so she has taken it upon herself to fill as many Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes as she can. Already she has put together more than 100 boxes, even though they will not be collected until the week of Nov. 12-19.

Flora Coleman: 96 years old and still has 'fire in the belly'

By Janet Tompkins
Special to the Message

ALEXANDRIA (LBM) – Who knows what life would have been like for Flora Coleman if her mother and father had not died in 1930 when she was just 8 years old and living on a mountainside in West Virginia?

She would not have been separated from her six other siblings, or gone to work in other households.

Maybe she would not have become a nurse or wound up in Otis, Louisiana, where she is a member of Dixie Baptist Church.

Those experiences, to be sure, have given her an extra dose of perseverance and a faith in God and fire in her belly to make a dif-

ference in other people's lives — even at 96 years of age.

SHARING CHRISTMAS JOY

Her current project is Operation Christmas Child, the mission program of Samaritan's Purse to bring a Christmas package and the message of Jesus Christ to children throughout the world.

Since 1993, Samaritan's Purse has partnered with local churches around the world to deliver 157 million Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes of gifts to children in need in 160 countries. Each box is filled with fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items.

"Miss Flora" has her home filled with the decorated boxes in every stage of completion. There are

100 completed and stacked in one room, while her sewing room is filled with little girls' dresses as well as pants for boys and girls along with an assortment of toys and gifts for each of the boxes.

Even though the boxes do not ship until Nov. 1 – National Collection Week is Nov. 12-19 – she is working diligently now to prepare as many boxes as she can.

"It is such a blessing for me," she said. "It's a reason to get up in the morning."

Labels are attached to each box to indicate whether it is for a boy or a girl, and the age range, which can be 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14.

"I pray for each child when I make the box," she said. "I pray that he or she will accept Christ and I pray for all his or her family."

Along with the pillowcase dresses and pajama pants, she also makes bags for the marbles, crayons and other small items packaged in the shoeboxes.

"My eyes are not the best anymore," she said. "I am so blessed that I can still do this. I'm giving this to Christ so I want to do the best that I can."

Brandon Smith, pastor of Dixie Baptist Church in Sieper, said "Sister Coleman" is an inspiration to him as well as others in the church.

"She is one of my prayer warriors and is like a grandmother to me," he

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Despite wheelchair, 82-year-old baptized 'like Jesus'



Elwood Baptist Church photo

Percy Babineaux celebrated after Pastor Michael Evans baptized him at Elwood Baptist Church in Forest Hill. Babineaux, 82, delayed his baptism several times until he had the strength to participate in between chemotherapy treatments.

By Brian Blackwell
Message Staff Writer

FOREST HILL – Being wheelchair-bound could not stop 82-year-old Percy Babineaux from publicly declaring his faith in Jesus through baptism.

Babineaux repented and turned to Christ three years ago, but only recently was able to gain enough strength in between cancer treatments to participate in his long-awaited baptism at Elwood Baptist Church in Forest Hill.

Moments after the baptism, Babineaux pointed to Heaven in celebration.

"I wanted to be baptized like Jesus was," said Babineaux, who has been confined to a wheelchair because of his poor health condition. "At that moment I was so happy, and ever since I've been telling everyone about how my life has been changed with Christ."

Babineaux is one of 13 converts baptized at Elwood since January. Pastor Mike Evans said the baptisms are representative of a commitment to missions by the central Louisiana congregation, which averages about 100 in Sunday morning attendance.

Elwood is located in a community with a large Hispanic population. The church has embraced the opportunity and formed

relationships with this immigrant population through visiting the nurseries that employ them.

Subsequently, Elwood has been blessed to host a number of Hispanic families for worship services, Vacation Bible School and other activities, with a number of the visitors trusting in Christ as Savior and Lord.

Elwood members have been busy with other outreach ministry efforts as well, mowing yards for widows, delivering hand-made cards to the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Alexandria, and participating in mission trips to Ireland and the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico.

Likewise, the congregation has a strong sense of the importance of cooperative missions and ministries to complement what they are doing themselves.

Recently, Elwood voted to increase the percentage of undesignated offerings the church gives through the Cooperative Program from 16 percent to 17 percent. The Cooperative Program is the Southern Baptist Convention's method of supporting missions and ministries of state conventions and the SBC.

"The Great Commission plainly tells us to go," Evans said. "While we cannot go to

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said. "She is so outgoing and she even recently renewed her driver's license," although she doesn't drive her truck to church much anymore.

But not to worry, the church orders plenty of pre-printed Operation Christmas Child boxes and makes sure Miss Flora has them at her house so she doesn't have to worry about driving to the church. Dixie Baptist also pays for the shipping.

Miss Flora said all the boxes get a toothbrush, soap, washcloth and comb, and that "the littlest ones" of the children also get socks, a mirror, pencil, cup and bowl, little balls as well as toys and the clothes she makes.

The older children get flip-flops as well as items more suitable for them.

Anxious to make every gift box special, she will pack and unpack each one to try to get as much as she can in all of them, she said.

"As long as I can go, I will," she said. "God has made us all and He loves us all. We should all help each other."

WEST VIRGINIA ROOTS

Miss Flora's faith goes back to that cabin in West Virginia.

She recalls her dad reading from the Bible in their four-room house. When her father was sick with tuberculosis she remembers others gathered round the bedside as he asked for someone to read from the book of Acts in the dim light of a coal oil lamp on the night stand.

Her father succumbed to the disease, leaving her mother, who was pregnant, to care for herself and the children (her older brother was nine-and-a-half years old, she was eight, and there were two younger siblings).

Shortly after the baby arrived, her mother became very ill because of a weak heart and she died at home with just the children there.

A social worker came and split the children up and told them not to try to find each other.

A DIFFICULT JOURNEY

There were several

short-term places where she lived, but she has little memory them.

But she recalls living in the Bluefield, Virginia, home of a piano teacher who needed someone to watch over her elderly mother during the day.

For the next 5 years, she did just that, and sold vegetables from the home garden to neighbors.

When the elderly woman died, Flora was sent to the home of a lawyer to be a companion and helper to his daughter who had polio. She stayed there through high school.

"They were good people," she said, noting that the father took the initiative to find out where most of her siblings were living.

Her sister Hazel was in an orphanage, and one weekend Flora rode the bus to visit her.

Flora also waited outside the classroom at the school where her older brother Carl was enrolled. "We didn't say much at

first—it had been so long."

Miss Flora smiles at the memory.

Younger siblings Ruth and Edward were with different families in the same town but they did not know that at first because their names were changed. Not much was learned about "Baby William" until Flora was an adult. She found out he had died of cancer at age 46, but she was able to meet his wife and to catch up on the details of his life.

Reflecting back on her childhood caretakers she said, "I was never given love but I was given guidance."

AT HOME IN LOUISIANA

After high school, she used her wages from working in the cafeteria to go to nursing school.

A hospital job came later.

Not long after that she met and married Hilbon Coleman in 1943 and began

life as a military wife.

Thirty-two moves and five children later they moved back to Louisiana when her husband retired.

She went to work at Central State Hospital in Pineville where she stayed for more than 18 years, mostly working the night shift.

Now, a widow, she travels with her family, sometimes going to both coasts, and, she stays busy as a volunteer with several ministries of her church. In addition to her dedicated efforts for Operation Christmas Child, she makes adult bibs for those in nursing homes, and, sewed 100 pillowcase dresses for a mission project with Parkview Baptist in Alexandria, where her daughter attends church.

"I've had a good life," she said. "I tell everyone: Look for the good in life. You can always find the bad, but sometimes you have to really look to see the good."

This is Operation Christmas Child's 25th year of shoebox ministry. National Collection Week for the shoeboxes will be Nov. 12-19.



A young Flora Coleman

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and they need Jesus to give them a house in Heaven.”

MISSION POSSIBLE

Blackmon, a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Alexandria, was among 41 men and women from mostly Louisiana Baptist churches who were on mission in the village of Santa Cruz de Guayape, Honduras, July 21-28, as part of an evangelism outreach with Baptist Medical Dental Mission International, a non-denominational missionary sending organization that specializes in short-term mission trips focused on providing medical and dental care to remote areas of

Central America and South Asia.

The team participated in door-to-door evangelism, children's Bible clubs, painting and maintenance inside a school and conducted medical, dental, vet and eye clinics.

By the end of the group's mission trip, 79 people proclaimed Christ as Lord and Savior.

REINSTATE AND REUNITE

Charles McCon, a member of Colyell Baptist Church in Livingston, was among those who went on the trip. The historic flood of August 2016 interrupted a four-year run of mission

trips to Honduras for the south Louisiana congregation last year. So, McCon and others from his church were excited to be back again.

The trip was especially emotional for McCon, whose home was heavily damaged by the thousand-year flood. Two people from Tennessee who helped repair his house in late 2016 participated in the mission trip this year, making for an emotional reunion.

“They are now like my family,” McCon said. “It's special because they helped me in my time of need and now we got to work together to help the Hondurans.”

McCon also was moved spiritually.

“Giving out medicine helps them for just a short

amount of time, but giving them the Gospel lasts an eternity.”

MORE THAN MEDICINE

Throughout the course of the two-day clinics, the team members treated 1,105 patients for medical conditions, filled 5,287 prescriptions, saw 156 dental patients, distributed 598 pairs of eye glasses and treated 342 animals. But the underlying theme was the Gospel message, which was presented in homes and under an evangelism tent to

patients before they entered the clinics.

Lyle Bennett, a veterinarian from the First Baptist Church in Rayville, saw the Holy Spirit convict a man to repent and turn to Christ after his cow received medical treatment in the outskirts of the village. The man's friend had shared Christ with him countless times, but it took a visit by Bennett to finally open his eyes to the Truth.

“That situation reminded me that we may not be able to win all of our friends

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Did your representative, senator make the grade on key moral issues, social concerns?

By Staff
Louisiana Baptist Message

The Louisiana Family Forum, a Christian public policy ministry based in Baton Rouge, has released its annual legislative scorecard, grading lawmakers on a number of bills that address key moral issues and social concerns for Christians.

The Louisiana Baptist Office of Public Policy participated in finalizing the scorecard, having worked with the LFF in passing or opposing a number of key bills during the regular legislative session.

The scorecard is not a complete analysis of all the work done by lawmakers in 2018. But it is representative of votes on critical value issues so important to Christians.

LBC LAWMAKERS

Those identifying themselves with Louisiana Baptists include:

REPRESENTATIVES

- Rep. Mark Abraham, Trinity B.C., Lake Charles
- Rep. Raymond J. Crews, FBC Bossier City
- Rep. Julie Emerson, FBC Lafayette
- Rep. Lance Harris, FBC Pineville
- Rep. Dorothy Sue Hill, Cherry Grove B.C., Dry Creek
- Rep. Frank Hoffman, FBC West Monroe
- Rep. Dodie Horton, Fillmore B.C., Haughton
- Rep. Sherman Mack, Bethlehem B.C., Albany
- Rep. Josh McFarland, Caney Lake B.C., Chatham
- Rep. Jim Morris, Vivian B.C.
- Rep. Steve Pylant, FBC Crowville
- Rep. Gene Reynolds, Bistineau B.C., Heflin
- Rep. Alan Seabaugh, Broadmoor B.C., Shreveport
- Rep. Malinda White, FBC Bogalusa

SENATORS

- Sen. Wesley Bishop, Franklin Ave. B.C., New Orleans
- Sen. Jim Fannin, Ebenezer B.C., Jonesboro
- Sen. Ryan Gatti, Cypress B.C., Benton
- Sen. Gerald Long, FBC Natchitoches
- Sen. Jay Luneau, Calvary, Alexandria
- Sen. Beth Mizell, FBC Franklinton
- Sen. Neil Riser, FBC Columbia
- Sen. Gary Smith, FBC Norco

OTHER NOTABLES

- Rep. Rick Edmonds, a retired LBC pastor, is a candidate for Louisiana secretary of state.
- Rep. Jeff Hall, a deacon with True Vine Missionary Baptist Church, is running for the office of mayor in Alexandria.
- Sen. Rick Ward, a member of Bethany Church, a non-denominational congregation in Baton Rouge, is receiving attention as a possible candidate for Senate president.



- 1. RACE TRACK CASINOS**
SB 525 – Lafleur – De-regulation of gambling: Increases race track casino gambling capacity. Currently based on size of gambling area, proposed law changes to number of machines. Yes(X) = 69 No(✓) = 19 Absent(A) = 17
LFF Opposed. Status: Signed by the Governor
- 2. ADOPTION ACTION ACT**
HB 449 – Edmonds – Incorporates adoption information as part of the Woman’s Right to Know informed consent before abortion. Yes(✓) = 97 No(X) = 0 Absent(A) = 8
LFF Supported. Status: Signed by the Governor
- 3. NO PUBLIC FUNDS FOR ABORTION**
HB 891 – Hoffmann – Entities that perform abortions in La. are prohibited from receiving public funding. Yes(✓) = 90 No(X) = 3 Absent(A) = 12
LFF Supported. Status: Signed by the Governor
- 4. RIVERBOAT GAMBLING - “LANDBOATS”**
SB 316 – Johns – De-regulation/Expansion of gambling: Allows riverboats to establish facilities anywhere on land within 1200 feet from water and removes maximum amount of space that can be used for gambling. Yes(X) = 53 No(✓) = 42 Absent(A) = 10
LFF Opposed. Status: Signed by the Governor
- 5. FREE SPEECH**
SB 364 – Ward – Protects freedom of speech, expression and association at public universities and protects belief-based student organizations. Yes(✓) = 58 No(X) = 26 Absent(A) = 21
LFF Supported. Status: Signed by the Governor
- 6. CHURCH SAFETY ACT**
SB 402 – Riser – Allows paid or volunteer security guards with concealed carry permits to carry a firearm in church. Yes(✓) = 81 No(X) = 10 Absent(A) = 14
LFF Supported. Status: Signed by the Governor
- 7. GOOD GOVERNMENT**
HB 88 – Mack – Makes it a crime to defraud the state to obtain government benefits or payments. Yes(✓) = 75 No(X) = 20 Absent(A) = 10
LFF Supported. Status: Signed by the Governor
- 8. DECREASING DEMAND FOR PROSTITUTION**
SB 335 – Mizell – Increases fines and provides education for those who purchase commercial sex (prostitution). Yes(✓) = 67 No(X) = 23 Absent(A) = 15
LFF Supported. Status: Signed by the Governor
- 9. SCHOOL CHOICE**
HB 487 – Zeringue – 529 college savings can now be used to pay tuition at elementary or secondary public, private, or religious schools and extends START program state matching funds. (Current La. law restricts to higher ed.) Yes(✓) = 49 No(X) = 44 Absent(A) = 12
LFF Supported. Status: Failed House Final Passage
- 10. ABORTION PROHIBITION AFTER 15 WEEKS**
SB 181 – Milkovich – Prohibits abortions after 15 weeks gestation. Enforcement predicated on success in Supreme Court of similar Mississippi law. Yes(✓) = 81 No(X) = 9 Absent(A) = 15
LFF Supported. Status: Signed by the Governor
- 11. INTERNET GAMBLING ON FANTASY SPORTS TEAMS**
HB 484 – Talbot – New form of gambling in La. based on “virtual” sports teams. Requires approval of voters in each parish in the fall election. Yes(X) = 67 No(✓) = 23 Absent(A) = 15
LFF Opposed. Status: Signed by the Governor

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SENATOR	DISTRICT/CITY	HB 484	HB 553	HB 891	SB 316	SB 364	SB 402	HB 88	SB 335	HB 487	SB 181	HB 484	
		484	553	891	316	364	402	417	88	181	297		
Donahue, Jack	R Mandeville	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Fannin, Jim	R Jonesboro	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	100%
Long, Gerald	R Winnfield	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Milkovich, John	D Shreveport	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Perry, Jonathan	R Kaplan	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Thompson, Francis	D Delhi	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Walsworth, Michael	R West Monroe	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Alario, John	R Westwego	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	90%
Erdey, Dale	R Livingston	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	90%
Mizell, Beth	R Franklinton	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	90%
Riser, Neil	R Columbia	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	90%
Gatti, Ryan	R Bossier City	✓	X	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	88%
Allain, Bret	R Franklin	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	80%
Ward, Rick	R Port Allen	✓	X	A	A	✓	✓	A	A	A	✓	✓	80%
White, Bodi	R Baton Rouge	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	80%
Lambert, Eddie	R Gonzales	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	A	✓	✓	✓	78%
Hewitt, Sharon	R Baton Rouge	A	✓	A	X	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	75%
Cortez, Patrick	R Lafayette	X	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	70%
Martiny, Daniel	R Metairie	X	X	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	67%
Peacock, Barrow	R Bossier City	X	X	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	67%
Claitor, Dan	R Baton Rouge	X	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	60%
Johns, Ronnie	R Lake Charles	X	X	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	60%
Smith, John	R Leesville	X	X	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	A	56%
Tarver, Greg	D Shreveport	X	X	✓	X	A	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	56%
Barrow, Regina	D Baton Rouge	X	X	✓	X	✓	✓	A	X	✓	✓	A	50%
Mills, Fred	R Parks	X	X	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	50%
Morrish, Dan	R Jennings	A	X	A	X	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	50%
Price, Ed	D Gonzales	✓	X	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	A	A	50%
Luneau, Jay	D Alexandria	X	X	✓	X	✓	✓	A	X	✓	✓	X	44%
LaFleur, Eric	D Ville Platte	X	X	A	X	A	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	A	43%
Smith, Gary	D Norco	X	X	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X	40%
Appel, Conrad	R Metairie	X	X	✓	X	A	A	X	✓	✓	✓	X	38%
Carter, Troy	D New Orleans	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	30%
Morrell, Jean-Paul	D New Orleans	X	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	30%
Boudreaux, Gerald	D Lafayette	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	A	X	22%
Peterson, Karen	D New Orleans	✓	X	X	A	A	X	A	X	A	X	X	17%
Bishop, Wesley	D New Orleans	X	✓	X	X	A	X	X	X	X	X	X	11%
Colomb, Yvonne	D Baton Rouge	Due to illness, Sen. Colomb was not present to vote.											

Louisiana Family Forum (LFF) believes elected officials should support policies and programs that protect and promote families and traditional values in Louisiana. To accomplish this goal, LFF educates voters about specific legislation and voting records. Legislators scoring 100% are recognized as Outstanding Family Advocates.

LFF utilizes the official voting records of the Louisiana Legislature. In the House, members are allowed to change their votes in the Official Record. In the Senate, members are not allowed to change their votes. However, “On a debatable question each member shall be allowed to explain his/her vote in writing only, and this explanation shall be incorporated in the Journal if requested.” (Senate Rule 12.1 B)

*Legislators must be present and voting at least 50% of the time to receive a score or be eligible for an Outstanding Family Advocate or Family Advocate Award. LFF only grades floor votes, not committee votes. Absences are not counted in calculating scores.



- 1. INTERNET GAMBLING ON FANTASY SPORTS TEAMS**
HB 484 – Talbot – New form of gambling in La. based on “virtual” sports teams. Requires approval of voters in each parish. Yes(X) = 21 No(✓) = 15 Absent(A) = 3
LFF Opposed. Status: Signed by the Governor
- 2. HARRAH’S CASINO OPERATING CONTRACT**
HB 553 – Barras – Locks the state into a contract with Harrah’s to operate the land based casino in New Orleans for another 30 years. Allows Harrah’s to build unlimited restaurants and a new hotel. Yes(X) = 21 No(✓) = 16 Absent(A) = 2
LFF Opposed. Status: Failed in Conference Committee
- 3. NO PUBLIC FUNDS FOR ABORTION**
HB 891 – Hoffmann – Entities that perform abortions in La. are prohibited from receiving public funding. Yes(✓) = 28 No(X) = 5 Absent(A) = 6
LFF Supported. Status: Signed by the Governor
- 4. RIVERBOAT GAMBLING - “LANDBOATS”**
SB 316 – Johns – De-regulation/Expansion of gambling: Allows riverboats to establish facilities anywhere on land within 1200 feet from water and removes maximum amount of space that can be used for gambling. Yes(X) = 22 No(✓) = 14 Absent(A) = 3
LFF Opposed. Status: Signed by the Governor
- 5. FREE SPEECH**
SB 364 – Ward – Protects freedom of speech, expression and association at public universities and protects belief-based student organizations. Yes(✓) = 33 No(X) = 0 Absent(A) = 6
LFF Supported. Status: Signed by the Governor
- 6. CHURCH SAFETY ACT**
SB 402 – Riser – Allows paid or volunteer security guards with concealed carry permits to carry a firearm in church. Yes(✓) = 34 No(X) = 3 Absent(A) = 2
LFF Supported. Status: Signed by the Governor
- 7. GAMBLING EXPANSION IN TANGIPAHOA PARISH**
SB 417 – White – Referendum election to authorize Tangipahoa River as a designated waterway for a riverboat casino. Yes(X) = 15 No(✓) = 18 Absent(A) = 6
LFF Opposed. Status: Failed in the Senate
- 8. GOOD GOVERNMENT**
HB 88 – Mack – Makes it a crime to defraud the state to obtain government benefits or payments. Yes(✓) = 22 No(X) = 11 Absent(A) = 6
LFF Supported. Status: Signed by the Governor
- 9. ABORTION PROHIBITION AFTER 15 WEEKS**
SB 181 – Milkovich – Prohibits abortions after 15 weeks gestation. Enforcement predicated on success in Supreme court on similar Mississippi law. Yes(✓) = 31 No(X) = 3 Absent(A) = 5
LFF Supported. Status: Signed by the Governor
- 10. SEX SURVEYS IN SCHOOLS**
SB 297 – Claitor – Allows surveying children in public schools about their sexual behavior. Yes(X) = 13 No(✓) = 21 Absent(A) = 5
LFF Opposed. Status: Failed on the Senate Floor

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Harvard: Teens who pray, attend church, happier as adults

A study by Harvard's T.H. Chan School of Public

Health found that kids and teens who attended church at least once a week were happier as "20-somethings" than people who did not attend services.

Youth who prayed every day experienced similar benefits, according to the study, with both groups having lower risks of substance abuse and depression as adults, and being more likely to volunteer. More than 5,000 sub-

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jects were followed from eight to 14 years. "These findings are important for both our understanding of health and our understanding of parenting practices," said study author Ying Chen. "Many children are raised religiously, and our study shows that this can powerfully affect their health

behaviors, mental health, and overall happiness and well-being."

Baptist university drops Nike over Kaepernick ad

Truett McConnell University will end its relationship with Nike, citing the company's new ad campaign featuring ex-NFL quarterback Colin Kaepernick.

A ministry of Georgia Baptists, TMU announced it no longer will buy or sell Nike apparel, including uniforms for its sports teams.

TMU President Emir Caner said any profits from the sale of any remaining Nike gear in campus stores "will be directly donated to Wounded Warriors and the Fraternal Order of Police."

"If Nike chooses to apologize to our troops and to our law enforcement officers, then - and only then - will TMU reconsider

their brand," said President Caner. "In the meanwhile, let us honor true heroes, those who protect us daily, some even sacrificing their own lives. They are the true heroes."

China burns Bibles, destroys crosses, shuts church

Beijing officials have shut down Zion Church, one of the largest evangelical congregations in the city, as part of a crackdown on China's "underground," or "house," churches.

At least 30 Beijing congregations have become targets of government harassment, including the confiscation and burning of Bibles and the destruction of crosses.

China's constitution guarantees religious freedom but only for government-sanctioned churches under the oversight and ultimately the authority of the Communist Party.



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to Christ, but God can use others like our vet team to be those individuals who provide that break through," Bennett said. "Now his friend can be his accountability partner and help him grow so he can in turn share the Gospel with others."

Craig Pearce, a physician from Calvary Baptist, said he initially was skeptical about how others would respond to the team's medical mission efforts, but his outlook changed once he treated patients.

"These people don't have the same opportunity as we do in America to hear the Word of Christ," Pearce said. "Any interaction we

had with them gave them a better opportunity to come to Him."

Pearce's wife, Leah, worked as a nurse in the medical clinic, but joined the rice and beans evangelism street team before leaving the village. She was nervous when she first began sharing the Gospel, but soon she developed enough confidence to tell a few villagers about Christ.

"I was very nervous going out with the team that morning, but as I saw how 'honored' they were to have us in their homes praying with them. I really began to see and feel the Holy Spirit at work in these homes and

in the Honduran people," she said. "The honor ended up being mine to have them pray with and for me. This was my first mission trip and I will say that in no uncertain terms the mission team as well as the Honduran people ministered to me."

GOD'S PLAN, NOT OURS

As the team wrapped up its second day of ministry in the village, a decision was made to return to the missionary compound a day earlier than planned. Bus and taxi drivers were unhappy with an increase in fares because it did not keep par with maintenance and fuel prices. So they threatened to protest in the streets of Honduras' capital city, Tegucigalpa, if their demands were not met.

Fortunately, no protest came to fruition.

But the down time gave team members the opportunity to spruce up classrooms and other buildings at the Good Shepherd Academy in Francisco Morazan. The team painted and cleaned, repaired broken swings, changed light bulbs and

worked on a new camera and security system.

Michelle Gore, a triage volunteer and member of Colyell Baptist, said initially the group was disappointed to leave the village early. But after filling the many needs at the school, team members were excited about the way God moved amidst circumstances.

"Everything is for a reason," Gore said. "It's not our way; it's God's way. Something good came out of what we thought was bad."

Team leader Bill Pianki, a member of Colyell Baptist, said members of the team already are raising money and planning for next year's annual mission trip to Honduras. He is excited about how God will use the team as they minister in another

village.

"My wife Janice and I have been impressed over the years how God impacts team members' lives through these mission trips," he said. "This impact carries over into their home church ministry and commitment to personal evangelism. We also have seen God repeatedly provide a way when it seemed impossible for those willing to go."

"Honduras was one week out of 52," he continued. "We had team members from churches who partnered together to touch lives, and see many come to Christ. God's Word calls us to be on mission. Pray, give, and go in your community, state, nation, and world all year. Time is short and you're never too old."

Salvations from page 3

Rodgers, a junior from Evergreen, Alabama, left the revival more passionate about sharing Christ on campus.

"Each time we have a campus revival it encourages me in my own walk with Christ," Rodgers told the Baptist Message. "Hopefully what we learned today will reach beyond just LC and we as students will do our part to spread the Gospel around the world."

Hunter Parker, a junior from Dry Prong, said he hopes all the students at the revival will accept Edwards's challenge to

become part of the Jesus Generation.

"Just imagine if every one of us were to decide to become a part of that movement," he said. "It could spark massive changes."

Brewer said the annual revival allows students to refocus their attention on Christ as they begin a new school year.

"These young adults are passionate about God," he said. "The revival sets a tone at the beginning of the school year to teach them to seek the Father's heart and worship Him."

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LBC DR mobilizes to aid storm-ravaged Carolinians

By Staff

Louisiana Baptist Message

ALEXANDRIA (LBM) – The first Louisiana Baptist Disaster Relief teams have been activated in response to Hurricane Florence.

Gibbie McMillan, state disaster relief coordinator for Louisiana Baptists, told the Baptist Message mud-out teams from Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association, Northshore Baptist Association and Washington Baptist Association left Sept. 21 for New Bern, North Carolina. They are helping to clean up debris resulting from the hurricane that sent water into 4,300 homes, about one-third of the houses in the city.

McMillan said Louisiana Baptists who are

unable to go with a DR team can participate in the recovery efforts in other ways.

“Please pray for our teams and those they will minister to in the coming weeks,” McMillan said. “Also, remember that this response is made possible through your generous giving through the Georgia Barnette State Missions Offering.”

STATEWIDE CALLOUT

Lonnie Wascom, director of missions for Northshore Baptist Association, reported in his daily e-mail blast that New Life Missions, a ministry sponsored by Loranger Baptist Church, is collecting items for Florence victims at its warehouse, located at 129

Calhoun Street in Independence.

Items will be collected through Sept. 28, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. daily – except donations will not be taken.

Items needed include baby formula, non-perishable food, hygiene items, cleaning supplies, diapers, baby wipes, blankets, mops, and Gatorade.

HIS Church in Pineville posted on Facebook that a team from its Shepherd’s Pie ministry left Sept. 20 to work in Dillon, South Carolina.

The church collected cases of water, Gatorade, Lowe’s, Home Depot, Wal-Mart gift cards, and money to purchase gift cards.

For its part, Christ’s Community Church in Denham Springs also is

collected cleaning supplies, baby supplies, water, mold killer, air mattresses with bedding, towels and washcloths.

The church planned to deliver the items next week to areas impacted by Florence.

PRAY, GIVE & GO

The North Carolina Baptist Convention reported on its website that Southern Baptist Disaster Relief feeding teams were stationed at Second Baptist Church in Washington and Temple Baptist Church in New Bern.

Teams from Alabama, Kentucky, Missouri, North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia were on the ground Tuesday feeding residents impacted by Florence.

“This will be a long-term response,” the North Carolina Baptist Convention website said. “Please continue to pray for people affected by Florence, our church and pastors who are affected/ministering, and our volunteers who are serving. Thank you for praying, giving and going.”

DESTRUCTION DETAILED

Florence made landfall at Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina, Sept. 14, as a Category 1 hurricane.

The storm has produced record rainfall and flooding that caused entire towns to be cut off, and is responsible for at least 37 deaths in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia, according to the Weather Channel.

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FBC Minden conference to help girls find value in Jesus Christ

By **Brian Blackwell**
Message Staff Writer

MINDEN – Cassie Hammett, founder of a ministry that shares Christ's love with women ensnared in the sex trafficking industry, will challenge middle and high school girls to realize Christ is enough for them at the Masterpiece Conference, Oct. 6, hosted by the First Baptist Church in Minden.

"Enough" is the conference theme.

"The Word shows time and time again about our worth in Christ," said Bethany Jones, who co-founded the conference with her sister, Emily. "Our event this year will

focus on how we are enough because of Christ and how He is enough for us.

"We believe that once young girls can understand that they are God's masterpiece, their relationships and outlook can truly be impacted," she continued. "We want this event to be both intentional and relevant for our young girls and leaders."

During the main sessions, Hammett will encourage the girls, along with their adult sponsors, to understand God has a unique plan for their lives.

"I want them to understand that at this moment they have a mandate on their lives, placed on them

by God," she said. "They will also understand how to walk that out on a daily basis."

Hammett founded The Hub: urban ministries as an outreach to the homeless. She expanded this ministry to establish Purchased: Not for Sale, after God touched her heart about the plight of women trapped in prostitution and the human trafficking trade. Additionally, The Hub provides tutoring for children, a food pantry, hot meals, worship services, weekly Bible studies, counseling and outreach to apartments.

The conference will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost to attend Masterpiece is \$35, and includes lunch and snacks. For more information and to register, go to masterpiececonference.org.



Cassie Hammett

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every state and country, we believe our CP dollars can go to places and do things we cannot do.

"Because of the Hispanics and diversity of the cultures in Louisiana, everyone can be missionaries," he continued. "We don't have to have the title of pastor, deacon or missionary, but it's incumbent upon us to do the very best we can just to lend a hand, love people and treat them the way we would like to be treated."

Evans said he is blessed to be pastor of a church that has such a loving spirit with a mission to reach others for Christ in its Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and ends of the earth.

"This church focuses on unity," he said. "Everyone who comes here can say they feel the Spirit of the



Brian Blackwell photo

Jaci Langston received a certificate commemorating her baptism from Pastor Mike Evans at Elwood Baptist Church in Forest Hill. Since January, 13 people have been baptized at the church.

Lord, and they feel loved and wanted. I'm so blessed to be part of something like that.

"Elwood is the best kept secret in the Louisiana Baptist Convention," he said. "I can't think of any place I'd rather be."

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ON THE MOVE

■ **Stan Foster** is the new pastor at Jamestown Baptist Church, Jamestown.
■ **Mark, wife Stephanie, Long** is the new pastor at Bogue Falaya Baptist Church, Folsom.

HOMECOMING

■ Alto Baptist Church, Alto: **Homecoming**, Sunday, September 30, 10:30 a.m. Dinner on the grounds will be served at noon. Worship leader: **Jay Ellerman**. Pastor: Alan Miller.
■ Jamestown Baptist Church, Jamestown: **Homecoming**, September 30, 10:30 a.m. Covered dish luncheon and fellowship will follow the service. Bring your family and friends to join us for this special day. Speaker: **Stan Foster**. The church is located at 5852 Hwy 153, Jamestown, LA. For more information, call 318.894.8631. Pastor: Stan Foster.
■ Conway Baptist Church, Farmerville: **Homecoming**, September 30, 10 a.m., **Sanctuary Quartet in Concert**; 11 a.m., memorial and worship service. Lunch will follow in the Family Life center. Speaker: **Tony Campanale**. The church invites friends and families of present and former members to attend. Conway is located at 4323 Hwy 549, which is north of Farmerville. Pastor: Paul Carter.
■ First Baptist Church, Boyce: **136th Homecoming**, September 30, 10:45 a.m. Dinner on the grounds will follow the worship service. Speaker: **Brent Romero**. There will also be special music. Pastor: Thomas Wayne Walker.
■ First Baptist Church, Eros: **110th Homecoming**, September 30, 10 a.m. Lunch will follow worship service. Special Speaker: **Clovis Sturdivant**. Pastor: Elvin Wheelis.
■ Zoar Baptist Church, Central: **150th Anniversary/Homecoming**, October 7, 10 a.m. Dinner on the grounds will be in the gym immediately following the worship service. Special Speaker: **Carol Marr**. Pastor: Kevin Hand.
■ Wallace Baptist Church, Pelican: **142nd Homecoming**, October 7, 10:30 a.m. Dinner on the grounds will follow the worship service. Speaker: **Dwight St. Andre**. Pastor: Jeff Jinks.
■ Cedar Baptist Church, Archibald: **Homecoming 2018**, October 7, 10:30 a.m. with dinner on the grounds to follow at noon. Speaker: **John Cleveland**. All friends, families and former church members are invited to attend. Pastor: Mickey Alexander.
■ Calvary Baptist Church, Forest Hill: **Homecoming**, October 7, 11 a.m. Lunch and fellowship will follow the A.M. service. Speaker: **Dennis Snooddy**. Pastor: Wayne Dunn.

REVIVAL

■ **Delta Association Harvest Festival Crusade**, September 30, 5 p.m. Vidalia Riverfront Center. Speaker: **Fred Luter**. Music: First Baptist Church, Vidalia. There will be a laser light show, live music, food and drinks, a

testimony and live demonstration from a past winner of the show American Ninja Warrior.

■ Enon Baptist Church, Franklinton: **Family Crusade**, September 30-October 3. Evangelist: **2TALK42 Ministries**. Pastor: Christopher Wheeler.

■ First Baptist Church, Coushatta: **Revival**, September 30-October 3, Sunday, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m., Monday-Wednesday, 7 p.m. There will be a meal at 6 p.m. before the services Monday thru Wednesday. Speakers: TBA. Special Music: **Todd Dubose & Family**. Wednesday night will be a special emphasis night on the children, youth and young families. Pastor: Nathan Davis.

■ Two Rivers Baptist Association, Greensburg: **Senior Adult Revival**, October 1-3. Monday, Line Creek Baptist Church, Kentwood, Speaker: **Justin Craft**; Tuesday, First Baptist Church, Greensburg, Speaker: **Scott Mercer**; Wednesday, Chappapeela Baptist Church, Speaker: **Don Bassett**. Worship: **Don Turner**. Director of Missions: Stan Statham.

■ Vatican Baptist Church, Carencro: **Harvest Sunday**, October 7, Evangelist: **Joe Aulds**. Pastor: Chad Thibodeaux.

■ Start Baptist Church, Start: **Harvest Day**, October 7, 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be served following the worship service. Pastor: Jeff Thomas.

■ First Baptist Church, Winnsboro: **Harvest Day – Old Country Church Day Celebration**, October 7, 10:45 a.m. Dinner on the grounds will follow the worship service. Speaker: **Craig Beeman**. Music: **Richard Davis**. Pastor: Craig Beeman.

■ Evangeline Baptist Church, Wildsville: **Revival**, October 7-10, Sunday, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Monday-Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. nightly. Speaker: **Mickey Bounds**. There will be special music nightly. Pastor: Curtis Smith.

LAGNIAPPE

■ New Zion Baptist Church, Covington: **Blessing of the Hunt**, September 27, 6-8 p.m. Free supper, 5-6 p.m. Speakers: **Bernie Carbo**, former Major League Baseball Player, **David Fortenberry**, Crossland Game Calls and **Gene Hoyt**, world champion turkey caller. Cost: free. There will be numerous door prizes including a grand prize to be given away. Pastor: Clark Stewart.

■ First Baptist Church, Haughton: **Big Buck Contest Banquet & Second Amendment Rally**, September 27, 6 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Cost: \$10 for the catered meal. Speaker: **Chuck McAlister**, the host and founder of Adventure Bound Outdoors and President of Promise of Hope Ministries. He will be speaking about the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. A large number of guns will be given away as door prizes. Pastor: Gevan Spinney.

■ Longview Baptist Church, Deville: **Blessing of the Hunt**, September 29, 4:45-9 p.m. Speaker: **Hank Hough and Kingdom Dog Ministries**. This is a free event. There will be dozens of outdoor vendors, free food, numerous door prizes including a CFMOTO USA 4x4 ATV as the grand prize. Pastor: Robby Poole.
■ Sweetwater Baptist Church, Quitman: **Southern Plainsmen in Concert**, September 30, 6 p.m. A love offering will be taken. Pastor: Wilton Wall.

■ Oak Forest Baptist Church, Leesville: **Masters4 Southern Gospel Quartet in concert**, September 30, 10 a.m. Pastor: Joe Call.
■ First Baptist Church, Pineville: **First@**

First Business Leader Luncheon, October 1, noon. Speaker: **Jamey Gilliland**, director of LSU-Alexandria Baptist Collegiate Ministry. Cost: \$10 and you may pay at the door. Please RSVP to Stewart Holloway (sholloway@fbcpineville.net). Pastor: Stewart Holloway.

■ Caney Lake Baptist Church, Chatham:

Southern Revelation Gospel group in concert, October 7, 10 a.m. Pastor: Lance Otwell.

■ Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Ruston: **Southern Plainsmen in Concert**, October 7, 10:30 a.m. A love offering will be taken. Pastor: Greg Morrow.

■ First Baptist Church, Oil City: **Southern**

Plainsmen in concert, October 7, 6 p.m. A love offering will be taken. Pastor: Jessie Colston.

■ Cypress Baptist Church, Benton: **Jesus I Believe Tour with Big Daddy Weave and Brandon Heath**, October 7, 7 p.m. Cost: <https://www.ticketfly.com/purchase/event/1713087>. Pastor: John Fream.



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