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Sign up with Home Depot to net cash for Disaster Relief

By **Brian Blackwell**
Message Staff Writer

ALEXANDRIA (LBM) -- A partnership between Southern Baptist Disaster Relief and Home Depot has generated more than \$950,000 in funds for disaster relief responses since 2017.

This money represents a financial windfall from donations by Home Depot amounting to 5 percent of all purchases made by Southern Baptists who had registered their credit or debit cards for the program.

This additional funding from Home Depot stores has supported

deployments of disaster relief teams to help impacted areas across the United States, according to Louisiana Baptists State Disaster Relief Coordinator Gibbie McMillan.

Funds are given to the North American Mission Board, which disperses money equally to the

Southern Baptist state conventions.

Rebates from the partnership funded 92 percent of the costs of a \$4,500 disaster relief trip taken by an Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association chainsaw team to an area

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Cypress Baptist photo

Morgan Hollis looked on moments before Pastor John Fream baptized the fifth grader in August 2019. Hollis was one of 214 people baptized by Cypress Baptist Church in Benton last year.

Cypress baptizes record 214 in 2019

By **Brian Blackwell**
Message Staff Writer

BENTON (LBM) – Ryan and Morgan Hollis have spent countless days fishing and tubing, but one particular morning spent in the water produced an extra special memory.

Surrounded by friends and family at Cypress Baptist Church in Benton, the father and daughter publicly displayed their faith in Christ, by being baptized together Aug. 25, 2019. They were among a record number of 214 people baptized by Cypress Baptist last year.

PROFESSING, GROWING IN FAITH

“This was definitely an amazing moment for me to be there with her while she has been going through this part of her life and committing it to Jesus,” Ryan Hollis told the *Baptist Message*. “I

feel so blessed to watch her continue to grow her faith. To see her starting her life in Jesus at such a young age is a true blessing that I cannot express in words. I am so thankful for the staff and people who have invited us into their family and helped us get to the point in our faith.”

Ryan Hollis said he and Morgan, 10, had accepted Christ two years earlier while members at First Baptist Church in Warrensburg, Mo., before moving to the Shreveport area in the summer of 2017, but never grasped the importance of baptism until Pastor John Fream shared more about taking this step in one's Christian walk.

When Fream extended the invitation during a message last summer, the Hollises knew it was time to take that next step of

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Louisiana Baptists asked to pray for Brazil

By **Brian Blackwell**
Message Staff Writer

SOROCABA, Brazil (LBM) – David Denton has issued a call to prayer ahead of a Louisiana

Baptist-led annual summer mission trip to Brazil.

Among the most pressing needs are funding for construction of a chapel that the team will build and guidance as Denton,

coordinator of the trip, and Gene Jenkins travel to Brazil to finalize logistics in mid-February. Jenkins is construction coordinator

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obedience.

“The impact that Cypress Baptist Church has not only in the community but with their missions in the United States and around the world shows to me that it’s not just a church that stays within the confines of the building but they are truly living the Word of God and getting the Word to everyone,” he continued. “It’s about people getting the Word of God and coming to Jesus; Cypress goes and finds them instead of waiting for them

to come to them.”

SOUL-WINNING CULTURE

It is a rare Sunday that Cypress Baptist does not baptize someone, records show; and, Fream says the baptisms reflect the heartbeat of the congregation, which is to love God and to love others enough to share the Gospel with them.

When Fream arrived as pastor in 2008, Cypress Baptist averaged 402 in Sunday morning worship and 468 in Sunday school,

and baptized 14, according to Annual Church Profile statistics.

As the years passed, more members caught onto the vision of how they can make a difference in their families and community.

By the end of 2017, worship attendance had grown to 1,400, Sunday school attendance reached 1,077, and 95 were baptized that year. The growth resulted in the 2017 opening of a new 2,100-seat worship center and state of the art pre-school space.

Many of the 1700 active members are involved in some area of service, including opportunities to disciple others in the Bible study classes on Sundays and small groups that meet throughout the week in the community.

Members also are ac-



Cypress Baptist photo

Ryan Hollis was baptized the same day as his daughter, Morgan, at Cypress Baptist Church in Benton. Hollis is among a record 214 members of Cypress baptized in 2019.

tive in missions on teams that minister in Texas, Uganda, Panama, Guatemala and Ukraine.

“People ask me all the time what’s the key to our increased baptisms

and attendance, and I tell them it’s nothing to do with me, but everything to do with our church’s DNA,” Fream said. “First, we are committed to loving God and loving people. Second, the Word of God is central to all we do. And most important is we expect and ask and prepare everything for God to fall and to just be very present.

“Every time we get together the goal is to lift Jesus up and he will draw others to himself,” he continued.

“All three core principals lead us to who we are, which is to win souls and lead others to Christ,” Fream said. “When you see a guy come forward or someone wanting to get baptized from watching our services online, that’s pretty exciting.

“We can’t wait to see what God has planned for our future as we continue to seek new ways to bring Christ to a world that needs Him,” Fream added.

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Deggs' 'second chances' message a homerun at LC baseball banquet

By John Marcase
Special to the Message

ALEXANDRIA (LBM) --Matt Deggs said he is proof God has a sense of humor.

"God has a sense of humor," Deggs told the crowd at Louisiana College baseball's annual First Pitch Banquet, "because he took a drunk and put him in Lafayette, Louisiana, the drinking capital of America."

Deggs story of redemption and second chances proved powerful to the 450 in attendance at the Holiday Inn in downtown Alexandria Jan. 20.

"I thought it was a great testimony for our young people to hear, and for our old people to hear," said LC baseball coach Mike Byrnes. "You'd be surprised at how many people in that room have gone through the same thing. I know because they came up and told me afterward. God was moving in that room when Coach Deggs was talking."

"I thought it was a great night."

MORE THAN A GAME

When Byrnes went looking for this year's speaker, he looked no further than the place he turned to last year -- the Louisiana-Lafayette baseball program.

A year ago, longtime Ragin' Cajun coach Tony Robichaux captivated the audience with his message. Tragically, Robichaux died a few weeks after the 2019 season following a massive heart attack. He was 57. Deggs was the logical choice to replace Robichaux due to their relationship.

"Coach started off as a boss, then a mentor and then one of my best friends," Deggs said. "It was my honor and my family's honor to come back and take over for him. Our biggest thing is we are not going to let him down, not going to let the community down and or his family, the program or anybody else. We are going to take that torch he passed and continue to blaze that trail."

"We had a very deep relationship in the fact he saved my life and saved my family."

I owe him everything."

Deggs was a rising star in coaching. He had worked his way up from an assistant coach at Northwestern State in Natchitoches to associate head coach at Texas A&M when he was fired because of his drinking problem just before the 2011 baseball season.

Deggs watch the Aggies that season win the Big 12 regular-season championship, Big 12 tournament championship, NCAA regional, NCAA Super Regional and advance to the College World Series. They accomplished all that without him. Deggs tried to get other coaching jobs, but no one would hire him, even Texarkana Junior College, a program he had led to the JUCO World Series years before.

"I fell this far over a beer bottle," Deggs said. "Nine or 10 years ago, I didn't even want to live. I was a drunk. I was damaged goods."

Deggs said he prayed to God for help and guidance, all while he continued to drink beer after beer after beer. He found other work, often hard manual labor. He continued to apply for coaching jobs and continued to be

rejected.

Then Robichaux entered the picture.

"I sat out 430 days," Deggs kept repeating in his speech. "One dude gave me a second chance."

After completing rehab, Deggs arrived in Lafayette. The season had already begun. There was one uniform left with a number. Deggs, who had always worn No. 15 as a player and in his coaching career, was not pleased. Robichaux handed him No. 28.

"I mean, who wears No. 28?" Deggs asked the crowd. Then, it hit him:

-- Deggs spent 28 days in rehab.

-- Deggs' first name is Matthew. There are 28 chapters in the Book of Matthew.

-- Deggs was hired by Texas A&M on June 28.

-- Deggs' wedding anniversary is June 28.

-- Deggs quit drinking on Feb. 28.

Given a chance at redemption by God through a second chance provided by Robichaux, Deggs rebuilt his life, his family and his career.

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Doug Gann photo

University of Louisiana at Lafayette Baseball coach Matt Deggs shares his story of redemption and second chances at the the annual Louisiana College's annual First Pitch Banquet Jan. 20.

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STUDY: Louisiana College ranked among the best in the state, nation

By Will Hall
Message Executive Editor

CULTURALNEWS

PINEVILLE (LBM) — A Louisiana College bachelor's degree is one of the best investments of tuition paid in the state, according to research conducted by Georgetown University.

Comparing earnings at the 10-year point to the debt held for the degree earned, this collegiate ministry of Louisiana Baptists ranked second in the state among the 22 four-year colleges and universities that offer more than an associate's degree or certificates.

Among the eight private nonprofit schools against which it competes, Louisiana College ranked first on this metric.

Meanwhile, the *Town Talk*, a public newspaper in Alexandria, citing christianuniversitiesonline.org, reported that Louisiana College "is the fourth most affordable Christian college

in the South, North and Midwest."

In comments about the Georgetown University study rankings, Louisiana College President Rick Brewer told the *Town Talk* he is committed to doing even more to make Louisiana College "affordable and accessible, especially for those who value a liberal arts education built upon a biblical worldview."

"The more affordable and accessible our undergraduate programs are," he continued, "the more likely the opportunities our graduates will have to impact the marketplaces of the world with the message of Jesus Christ."

"The return on investment on that is incalculable and priceless."

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According to research by Georgetown University, a bachelor's degree from Louisiana College is one of the best investments of tuition paid in the state.

port on the 4,500 schools included in the study.

United Methodists to split over gay marriage

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (LBM) --After years of struggle within the United Methodist Church regarding the ordination of LGBT clergy and performing

same-sex marriages, world leaders of the denomination have proposed a split that would allow conservative congregations to form a separate body.

The Book of Discipline that guides UMC churches regarding such matters now states that "the practice of homosexuality is in-

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and the brother of Wayne Jenkins, former Louisiana Baptist evangelism and church growth director who passed away Nov. 13, 2018, after leading 34 mission trips to the country.

"This preview trip will not only enable us to take care of details like housing and transportation but will also provide opportunity for face to face conversations with our coordinator and local Brazilian pastors who will be participating in the work," Denton told the *Baptist Message*.

"I am praying that God will lead us to have meaningful conversations about kingdom cooperation," Denton continued. "These Brazilian pastors have a big task as they seek to mobilize their people for this effort. Please pray for all these things as they are all essential for our trip."

Last year, 56 partici-

pants led 1,835 Brazilians to the Lord. These new believers were turned over to local pastors for discipleship toward spiritual health and growth.

The team will leave for Brazil July 3 and return July 14 — or July 16, if volunteers elect to stay two more days for an excursion.

Most of the team's work will take place in Sorocaba, which with a population of 645,000 ranks as the eighth largest city in the state of Sao Paulo.

The team will evangelize on the streets and through drama performances, medical/dental clinics and Vacation Bible Schools.

Crews also will construct chapels for local congregations.

The cost of the trip is \$2,400 for the basic trip and \$2,900 for team members who choose to participate in the excursion. Costs include housing, meals, airfare, daily

transportation, airport transfers, insurance, tips and team t-shirts.

Visas no longer are needed.

"Beyond the Walls needs pastors and lay people alike for the work in Sorocaba," Denton said. "Our goal is to come alongside Brazilian churches to help them advance the kingdom in their geographical area. In the process God always teaches us something about Himself and His grace. Whether you've participated in international missions before or are contemplating your first venture consider going with us. It is an unforgettable and life changing experience."

For more information on serving in Brazil, call 337.359.7689, or email denton@hbcni.org. The deadline to sign up is Feb. 10, and a \$300 non-refundable deposit is due at that time.



Denton



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A Louisiana-mission team member, assisted by a translator, shares the Gospel with a Brazilian during a mission trip last July.

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of Connecticut devastated by a tornado in late May 2019, McMillan said. Team members saw four people accept Christ during their week of ministry in Southbury, Connecticut.

"What eternal souls are you engaging when you respond to a need like this," McMillan said. "Only eternity will tell."

McMillan said the partnership was formed after Home Depot took notice of Southern Baptist Disaster Relief efforts. Company leaders then contacted Disaster Relief officials to discuss the possibility of offering support.

Through late 2019, 5,000 churches and agencies have registered their credit and debit cards in the program to allow Disaster Relief to receive the rebates.

"We are not underwriting Home Depot or another organization," McMillan said. "We are merely saying they have seen the

good we are doing through Disaster Relief and want to be a part of it."

McMillan is grateful for the Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association team and many others in the state who have faithfully served in disaster relief. Responses in 2019 included tornadoes in Alexandria, Ball, DeRidder, Pineville and Ruston, Hurricane Barry in Oberlin, Franklin and Watson and Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas.

McMillan said new teams are forming at Summer Grove Baptist Church in Shreveport (chainsaw), East Ridge Baptist Church in Lake Charles (laundry or shower), the First Baptist Church in Covington (chainsaw) and Louisiana State University of Alexandria Baptist Collegiate Ministry (chainsaw).

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CHRISTIANITY'S EXPLOSIVE GROWTH IRAN'S BIGGEST FEAR

By Joni B. Hanigan • Special to the Message

*Name changed for security purposes.

TEHRAN, Iran (LBM)—A mix of protestors in Iran's streets the last few weeks, some demonstrating against America and others condemning Iran's leaders, has obscured what could be an even greater newsworthy event in recent history than political unrest or military action – the explosive growth of Christianity in the country during the past several years.

A YOUTH MOVEMENT

The Christian population in Iran is “flourishing” according to *Pastor Sam who has traveled in the country extensively and now works with Iranian immigrants to America.

He did not offer a numerical description of the spiritual movement, but various nongovernmental organizations and ministry groups have pegged the size of Christianity as between 500,000 and 1 million adherents, with one estimate as high as 3 million converts, and another as low as 300,000.

These competing figures compare to the presence of a mere 500 Christians in the country in 1979 when religious hardliners overthrew the 2,500-year-old monarchy form of government in order to establish an Islamic republic in its place.

According to ministry experts, the growth of Christianity among Iranians appears to be a sign of openness, especially among young people, to outside groups and ideas. This is an important dynamic given the United Nations' projection that “[m]ore than half of the population is under the age of 24, one quarter being 15 years of age or younger.”

A SPIRITUAL REVOLUTION

Despite televised reports in recent weeks of

violent Iranians yelling “death to America,” Pastor Sam said in the decade he has ministered among Iranians, he's been treated with grace and hospitality.

In fact, he said it appears more and more Iranians are parting from the faith of the country's hard line religious leaders.

At least a dozen mosques he visited during a recent trip were deserted during the Islamic Call to Prayer on Friday – a Holy Day for Muslims. “It was completely empty,” he said of one prominent mosque. “The whole time I was in country, I saw two people worship.”

Pastor Sam said the increase in persecution for women and those who are not devout Muslims have helped fuel the interest in Christianity – combined with the fact that Iranians relate to a Per-

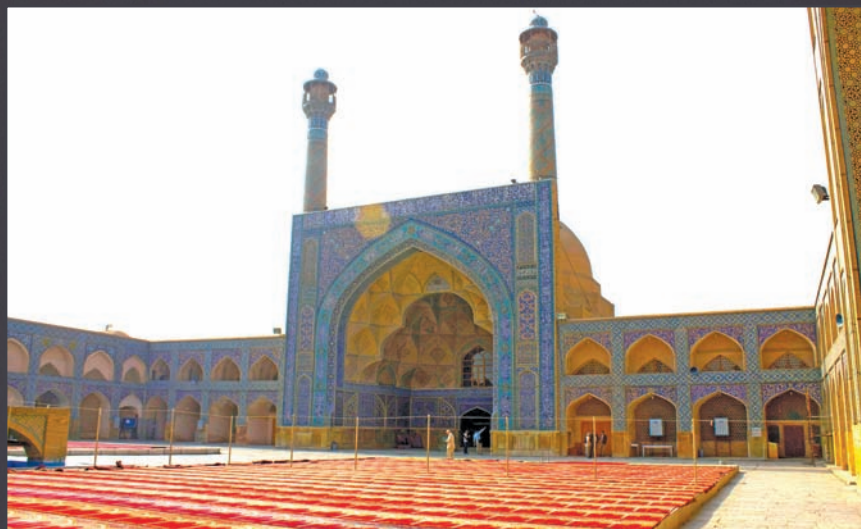
sian heritage, not an Arabic lineage.

The “imported religion,” of Islam, Sam said, has created hardship and pain for the Iranian people since the 1979 revolution.

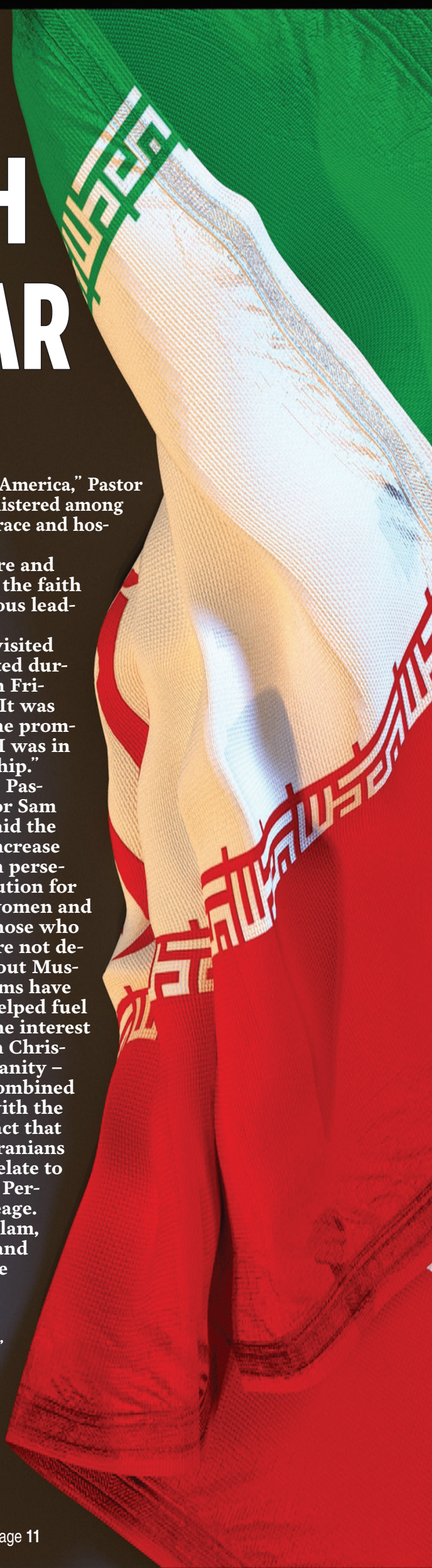
“This has caused them to become the fastest growing evangelical population in the world,” he said.

“Operation World,” a reference book and prayer guide distributed by InterVarsity Press, confirms Sam's statement, placing the growth of Christianity in the country at nearly 20 percent per year. This

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A mosque in Shiraz, the fifth-most-populous city in Iran, stands empty during a Friday Call to Prayer.





An Army AH-64 Apache helicopter assigned to the 1st Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment conducts an overflight of the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, Dec. 31, 2019. Helicopters launched flares as a show of presence while providing additional security and deterrence against protesters. The militia backed attack on the embassy that night was one of the catalysts for the U.S. drone strike that killed Iranian military leader Qasem Soleimani, the mastermind behind the deaths of hundreds of U.S. troops and their allies. U.S. Department of Defense photo by Army Spc. Khalil Jenkins.

IRAQI CHRISTIANS SUFFER

By Joni B. Hanigan • Special to the Message

*Name changed for security purposes.

BAGHDAD, Iraq (LBM) --*Pastor Amed knew when the sharp cracking sounds of bullets striking cement and metal turned into even louder explosions, tensions simmering in Baghdad for over a month had reached the boiling point.

Black smoke rising from the Green Zone and shouting and cheering in the streets meant either the Iran-backed militias were pushing against the continued American presence in Iraq -- or Iraqi Security Forces were again attacking protestors critical of Iran's influence in Iraq's government.

Later, he learned the explosions were part of Iran's response to the killing of Qasem Soleimani, a major general who commanded the Quds Force of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps division that has targeted U.S. troops and U.S. allies.

Communicating through a social media link, Amed said the situation is very tense and he and his family must remain inside

their home at all times. "We don't know what will happen," he said.

"We thank our God for everything," he said. "We believe our God will protect us."

In Iraq, where an estimated 200,000 Christians remain as compared to the 1.3

million who resided there in 2003, there is a lot of fear, according the longtime, Iraqi-born pastor of an Arabic-speaking congregation in the United States.

"Christians pay the price every time a war starts in the Middle East," Chuck said. "We are always considered outsiders and the West does not care for us these days."

Christian refugees, Chuck said, have been waiting in Turkey and other places

for 10 or more years. "There are no takers for some," he said.

Others have chosen to stay out of fear of being refugees.

"They do not want to leave because they do not want to go to the unknown; instead,



A Marine carries a sandbag to strengthen a security post during the reinforcement of the Baghdad Embassy Compound in Iraq, Jan. 4, 2020. The Marines are assigned to Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force-Crisis Response-Central Command 19.2, a quick reaction force prepared to deploy a variety of capabilities across the region. U.S. Department of Defense photo by Sgt. Kyle Talbot.

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2020 Commission update: Reaching the next generation and people's groups

By Brian Blackwell
Message Staff Writer

ALEXANDRIA (LBM)—Louisiana Baptists are in the final year of implementing the President's 2020 Commission Report, an initiative undertaken during the leadership of Waylon Bailey, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Covington, and the LBC president in 2012-2013.

The 2020 recommendations were crafted collaboratively by a commission of 400 Louisiana Baptist leaders, staff members and laypeople, working in 20 subcommittees of 20 members each. Ten "key actions in reaching our state" — known as KAIROS — were developed to engage two audiences — the next generation and every people group.

These measures for improving the spiritual health and growth of the state were adopted by messengers at the 2013 Louisiana Baptist Convention Annual Meeting.

This article is the first in a series to be published by

the *Baptist Message* to report what successes have been achieved toward the ambitious goals as well as what remains to be done.

FIRST AUDIENCE —THE NEXT GENERATION

"The LBC Executive Director will form a 'Next Generation Task Force' whose assignment will be to 1) study the needs of the younger generation, 2) discover and develop strategies for engagement and ministry to this generation of Louisianans, and 3) promote implementation of these strategies among Louisiana Baptists. The Task Force will report regularly through the Executive Director to the Executive Board."

The next generation was one of two groups identified as a target audience in 2020 report, and Louisiana Baptist leaders and church members have championed the effort to reach a group who has seen declines in baptisms of children (a decrease of 42 percent since 1980) and

average worship attendance of teenagers (a 42 percent decline since 1980), according to the 2020 Report.

Despite the decline, Louisiana Baptists remain hopeful for the future, Mark Robinson, state Baptist Collegiate Ministry director, told the Baptist Message.

"Even though cultural challenges increase as we are striving to reach the emerging generation of church leaders, Louisiana Baptists are committed to assertively apply the teaching from the Apostle Paul in 2 Timothy 2:2 to train up a generation committed to make disciples," Robinson said. "From pre-school ministry all the way to completion of university training we are diligently working to reach students with the Gospel of Christ and see great results."

Efforts to reach the next generation have included:

-- Training more than 50,000 students to reach their friends who do not know Christ through the annual Pre-Teen Invasion,

Youth Evangelism Celebration and Collegiate Evangelism Conference.

-- Ongoing efforts by Louisiana College to increase scholarship funding and expand curriculum offerings, with a goal to build its student body to 1,500 by 2020.

-- Completion of nine new or remodeled or expanded Baptist Student Ministry buildings since 2006 on campuses reaching a combined population of nearly 90,000 students.

-- Continued growth at Tall Timbers, from 995 in total camp attendance in 2009 to 2,428 campers in 2018, punctuated by 1,510 salvation decisions during that 10-year period.

-- Connecting to more than 30,000 collegians through ministry outreach.

SECOND AUDIENCE — EVERY PEOPLE GROUP

"The LBC Executive Director will form a 'People Group Engagement' Task Force whose assignment is 1) to evaluate the ethnic diversity in Louisiana and its implications for Louisiana Baptists, 2) create avenues for input and involvement in LBC life by non-Anglo leaders

and congregations, and 3) lead Louisiana Baptists in effective engagement with and ministry among all people groups in the state. The Task Force will report regularly through the Executive Director to the Executive Board."

"People Group" describes the number of ethnic and racial communities within the state.

A task force has met periodically since 2012 to develop a plan on how Louisiana Baptists can reach these multiple minority groups in Louisiana. In 2018, the task force was changed to a permanent standing committee and serves to advise the convention, through the executive director, on how to shape the ongoing work of the Convention toward people group engagement.

James Jenkins, church planting director for Louisiana Baptists, said the charge of the committee is three-fold:

-- Evaluate the ethnic diversity in Louisiana and its implications for Louisiana Baptists.
-- Create avenues for input and involvement in LBC

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Homerun from page 3

As the Cajuns' hitting coach, ULL set school records. In 2014, the Cajuns won a school-record 58 games and were ranked No. 1 in the country.

Following the season, Sam Houston State hired Deggs to be the head coach — on June 28.

His wife Kathy's devotional verse the day of the hire was Genesis 28:15, which reads "I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have."

Sam Houston State is located in Huntsville, Texas, roughly an hour from Texas A&M.

"I love speaking about the power of God's love and redemption," said Deggs. "I'm thankful for my time in a ditch."

Under Deggs, Sam Houston went to two NCAA postseasons, and

the 2017 team became the first in Southland Conference history to advance to a Super Regional.

But Deggs said the most important milestone for him is that he is approaching seven years of sobriety.

FUNDRAISER A HIT

Before Deggs spoke, an auction took place to raise money for the Wildcats' baseball program. During bidding for two paintings by Angola prisoners, Deggs jumped in and eventually outlasted the other bidders at \$600 for a Tabasco print.

"Do you know why I bid on the paintings?" Deggs asked the crowd a few minutes later. "Who painted them?"

"Angola is filled with broken people. I have a soft spot for guys who are broken because I was broken."

2019 CEC to challenge collegians to 'Thrive'

By Brian Blackwell
Message Staff Writer

ALEXANDRIA (LBM) – The next generation of young professionals will be challenged to be a voice for biblical truth during the upcoming Collegiate Evangelism Conference, set for Feb. 14-15 at Louisiana College's Guinn Auditorium in Pineville.

The theme for the conference is "thrive."

"We are encouraging students to develop in discipleship and understanding and application of God's word in their lives so they may thrive in Him," Louisiana Baptists state Baptist Collegiate Ministry Director Mark Robinson told the *Baptist Message*.

CEC will feature three speakers: James Doughty, pastor of First Baptist Church in Monroe, Stephen Daigle, associate pastor of Celebration Church in Metairie, and Robinson.

Leading music will be the Jason Lovins Band, a Christian contemporary band from Ashland, Kentucky.

Those attending the conference will have a chance to learn about possible summer jobs and missions opportunities at booths manned by various national camp staffs situated throughout the foyer of Guinn Auditorium. Students also will have a chance to attend breakout sessions that center around the conference theme.

Robinson said a

highlight of the conference each year is a chance for students to fellowship with other members of Louisiana BCMs around the state.

"The night fellowship gives an incredible faith boost to students to see their brothers and sisters in Christ around the state," Robinson said.

Registration for CEC begins Feb. 14 at 6:30 pm, with the main session starting at 8 pm. The conference concludes at 5 p.m. Feb. 15.



Doughty



Daigle



Robinson



The Jason Lovins Band will lead worship at this year's Collegiate Evangelism Conference at Louisiana College Feb. 14-15.

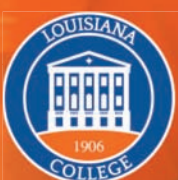
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ON THE MOVE

■ **Eric, wife Cindy and family, Sonnier** is the new pastor at Cornerstone Baptist Church, Jennings.
 ■ **Kevin, wife Penny, Paul** is the new associate pastor at His Church, Pineville.

REVIVAL

■ First Baptist Church, Keithville: **Harvest Sunday**, February 2, Evangelist: **Bill Britt**. Pastor: Mike Stowell.
 ■ New Bethlehem Baptist Church, Denham Springs: **Revival**, February 16-19, Evangelist: **Bill Britt**. Pastor: Randall Gill.

LAGNIAPPE

■ **Esler Baptist Church in Pineville**, is a mission-driven church seeking a **youth minister** who is passionate, driven, hard-working and is willing to share the Gospel and win souls. If interested, email a résumé at ptimot4@gmail.com or contact Pastor Joshua Timothy at 318.308.2748.
 ■ **Man Up! Conference 2020**, January 31, 6 p.m. at the Ruston Civic Center. Guest Speaker: **Bernie Carbo, Major League Baseball Hall of Famer**. Cost: \$15 per person (includes a fish dinner). Seating is limited to the first 600 and no tickets will be sold at the door. RSVP by calling the Concord Union Baptist Association at 318.255.9030/5241. DOM: Barry Joyner.
 ■ First Baptist Church, Logansport: **Gold City in concert**, January 31, 7 p.m. Doors will open at 6 p.m. No ticket is required but a love offering will be taken. For further information, contact the church at 318.697.4481. The church is located at 1009 Gum Street, Logansport, La. Pastor: **Shawn Thrapp**.
 ■ LaSalle Baptist Association, Jena: **Man Up! 2020: Seeing Clearly God's Expectations for Biblical Manhood**, January 31, 6:30 p.m. at the Jena Community Center. Speakers: **Rubin Weaver and Casey Johnson**. Special Music: **Graceway**. This is a free event for all men and boys. A meal will be provided. Sign up at any church in the LaSalle Association or call the Mission Center at 318.992.8864. DOM: Buddy Willis.
 ■ First Baptist Church, Covington: **Courageous Grand Parenting Conference**, February 1, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the ROC building. Cost: \$25 (includes snacks, lunch and materials). Speaker: **Calvin Harper, author**. Register on-line at www.fbccov.org beginning January 2. Registration deadline is January 28. Pastor: Waylon Bailey.
 ■ Simsboro First Baptist Church, Simsboro: **Brock Gill in concert**, February 1-2, 7 p.m. Pastor: Jason Cole.
 ■ Jamestown Baptist Church, Jamestown: **Wild Game Supper**, February

1, 6 p.m. Bring your favorite wild dish, desert or salad and join us for good food, Christian fellowship, and great speaker. Speaker: **Bobby Krantz, pastor of Mt. Arrat Baptist Church and a former Louisiana Tech Baseball standout**. For more information, call 318.894.8631. Pastor: Stan Foster.
 ■ Searcy Baptist Church, Trout: **Jordan Family Band in concert**, February 2, 10:30 a.m. Pastor: Steve Jensen.
 ■ New Zion Baptist Church, Covington: **Paige Patterson speaking**, February 2, 8 & 10:30 a.m. Speaker: **Paige Patterson** will share God's Word at both morning services and at the 6:30 p.m. evening. Dr. Patterson will also be speaking at the **Northshore Baptist Association Pastors' Conference**, February 3 at 7 p.m. at New Zion Baptist Church. Everyone is invited to attend. Pastor: Clark Stewart.
 ■ First Baptist Church, Benton: **Bobby Bowen in Concert**, February 2, 10:45 a.m. A love offering will be taken. Pastor: Robert Beadle.
 ■ Heflin Baptist Church, Heflin: **Kasey Kemp in concert**, February 2, 11 a.m. Pastor: Ronnie Osborne.
 ■ Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Columbia: **Kasey Kemp in concert**, February 2, 6 p.m. Pastor: Jerry Hendrixson.
 ■ First Baptist Church, Pineville: **First@First Business Leader Luncheon**, February 3, noon. Speaker: **Brian Sanders, author**. Cost: \$10 (lunch catered by Southern Creations) and open to the business community. Please RSVP by 8 a.m. on February 3 to Lori Pruitt at lp Pruitt@fbcpineville.net. Pastor: Stewart Holloway.
 ■ Rocky Springs Baptist Church, Lisbon: **2020 Louisiana State Gospel Singing Convention**, February 7-8, Friday, 5 p.m. registration, 6 p.m. singing, 8 p.m. refreshments; Saturday, 9 a.m. registration, 10 a.m. singing, noon, lunch, 1 p.m. singing. Everyone is welcome to attend. Pastor: Larry Sellers.
 ■ Big Creek Baptist Association, Pollock: **Youth Disciple Now**, February 7-8, Evangelist: Casey Johnson.
 ■ First Baptist Church, Marthaville: **Celebrating God's Everlasting Love Youth Rally**, February 8, 5-9 p.m. Marthaville Junior High gym. Speaker: **Kevin Flattmann**. Worship: **Four Days Late**. Admission is free. There will be praise, worship, food and music. Pastor: Danny Forsythe.
 ■ Philadelphia Baptist Church, Deville: **Marriage Retreat in Natchitoches**, February 14-15, Cost: \$250. To register: <https://onrealm.org/Philadelphia-Bap67486/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=ZmNjZTdMzQzMzQ0YyO0MTNlITkyMDEtYWZlZTAxMTFmOTc1> Pastor: Philip Robertson.
 ■ Broadmoor Baptist Church, Shreveport: **Big Daddy Weave "When the Light Comes" Tour featuring Bethel Music's Paul and Hannah McClure**, February 14, 7 p.m. Cost: \$20, general admission, \$35 early entry and \$75 for premium. Doors open at 6 p.m. Concert begins at 7 p.m. Pastor: Chuck Pourciau.
 ■ New Life Baptist Church, DeRidder: **Jason Lovins Band in concert**, February 16, 11 a.m. This is a free event for family and friends.

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means that if trends continue there will be a doubling of the number of Christian converts among the 82 million Iranians during the next decade.

A MATTER OF PRAYER

As it is, civilians in Iran live in constant fear of the government as well as the possibility of Israel or the United States taking military action against hardliner leaders -- and being caught in the middle of the conflict, he said.

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they suffer with the known," Chuck said.

There are political hurdles and complications, Chuck said, with new immigration caps, and rules which deny immigration to those who have service in the military -- despite strict conscription rules.

Christians who have fled Iraq have lost their culture and identity, he said, and need strong voices to help them get to the U.S. or make it somewhere.

He asked Christians to pressure the government

also have made it difficult for Iranians living in the U.S. and in other countries, Sam said. Frequently, Internet connections are disrupted and people have very little news about what is going on regarding their families.

But the pastor remains optimistic about continued spiritual growth in Iran, pointing out that after 9/11 there was explosive expansion of Christianity -- contrary to predictions that the numbers of churches in the country would decline.

Prayer for Iranian lead-

ers and officials tops the list, according to the pastor, who said the Iranian church would not ask for prayers of protection for themselves but perhaps for their families.

"They would ask for prayer that the Lord would use them, would give them continued boldness, opportunity and wisdom."

For more information about ministries reaching the Iranian people, go to Iran Alive Ministries, Heart4Iran, and Elam Ministries.

to do more to relocate Iraqi Christians here, and, to seek greater protections for Iraqi Christians abroad, punishing nations that persecute

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

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Clues:
R = C; L = E

Answer to January 16 Scripture Crypto:
Psalm forty-two:five

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compatible with Christian teaching” and declares that “ceremonies that celebrate homosexual unions shall not be conducted by our ministers and shall not be conducted in our churches.”

Once the conservatives separate from the present denomination,



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it will open the door for the existing United Methodist Church to repeal these bans. The proposed separation will be voted

on at the UMC General Conference in May.

The United Methodist Church has about 6.8 million members in the United States and 12.7 million members worldwide. Although overseas congregations are considered more conservative than those in the United States, surveys indicate that 55 percent of U.S. congregants are conservative in their beliefs.

The United Methodist Church is the second-largest evangelical body

in the United States, behind the Southern Baptist Convention.

Drop in married couples with children reflects change in marriage views, presents challenges to churches

SUITLAND, Md. (LBM)—The U.S. Census Bureau has released data showing that the number of married couples with children under the age of 18 hit a 56-year low of 23,651,000 in 2017, indicating a decline in the traditional family.

The drop is even more serious when viewed in terms of population totals then and now.

In 1961, there were 23,514,000 married couple families with children under age 18, among a total population of 183,691,481 – a ratio of one married couple with kids for every 8 people in the country.

Now the ratio is one married couple with children under 18 for every 14 people, based on 23,651,000 married couples and a total U.S. population of 325,719,178 people.

The decline in married couples with children coincides with a rise



File photo

The number of married couples with children under the age of 18 hit a 56-year low in 2017 indicating a decline in the traditional family.

in single parent families, with that number climbing from 2,375 million in 1961 to 10,641,000 in 2017, the latest data that has been released.

Meanwhile, the number of children under age 18 as a percentage of the U.S. population has continued to decline from a high of 36 percent in 1960 to an estimated 22.2 percent for 2020.

The implications for U.S. social institutions appear dire with fewer people as a percentage of the population available to serve in the labor force, a lower percentage of the population to draw from for schools, and a smaller percentage of the population to reach with youth church programs.

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life by non-Anglo leaders and congregations.

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“The ends of the earth are now coming to America and Louisiana,” Jenkins said. “As the ethnic diversity of Louisiana grows, Louisiana Baptists can carry out the biblical purpose of the church by seeking to fulfill the Great Commission through making disciples of every people group in Louisiana.”

“The 2020 Mandate for the People Group Engagement Committee is a restatement of the Great Commission and the Last Commission – Therefore go and make disciples of everyone, everywhere in Louisiana; in the local church ministry fields, in communities and parishes, and to the very borders of Louisiana.”

Jenkins said that from 2010-2019 Louisiana Baptists have seen a 35 percent growth in African American congregations, (now numbering 81), a 45 percent increase in Hispanic congregations (34 total) and a 10 percent growth in Asian congregations (12 to date).

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What have you done with the gifts you received?

You may have braved the long lines and returned a few of those gifts. Some of your gifts may be delegated for re-gifting over the course of the year. Other gifts are in use, and, if you have young children, they may already be out of commission!

This multi-page spread represents the gifts Louisiana Baptist churches have forwarded

over the last year through the Cooperative Program for the purpose of impacting Louisiana and the world with the Gospel.

What do we do with your gifts?

First, we give thanks for them. Many parts of our state are struggling economically and thus, many of our churches struggle as well. So we are thankful for the faithfulness and sacrifice reflected in this report.

We also evaluate how your gifts are used. In other words, we work to maximize the impact of your gifts. The need in our state is great so we must examine and fine tune how your gifts are used in order to best address these needs.

So please, accept my thanks for your gifts through the Cooperative Program. As I continue to serve the Lord and you in my new responsibility, I am committed to strengthening and expanding our cooperative efforts. Love for our Lord and for our fellow citizens demands nothing less.

I truly believe our strength now, and in the future, will be determined by the effectiveness of our cooperation. Join me in praying God will bless and enhance our cooperative endeavors.

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Bayou Sorrel, Plaquemine	5,265.00	6,766.00
Belfair, Baton Rouge		
Bethel Baptist Worship Center, Morganza	458.02	788.85
Brownfields, Baton Rouge		
Cane Brake, Lottie	2,640.42	3,189.83
Cedarcrest, Baton Rouge	2,999.55	6,748.64
Christ Covenant, Baton Rouge	19,825.00	11,000.00
Church at Park Forest, Baton Rouge		
Church of Life, Baton Rouge	500.00	300.00
Church of Life, Gardere		
Church of the Nations, Baton Rouge		
Circle, Baker		
Comite, Baton Rouge	2,718.56	2,283.32
Community Bible, Baton Rouge	3,750.00	3,850.00
Community, Greensburg		
Courtableau, Port Barre		
Cross Creek Cowboy, Zachary	1,517.48	1,265.60
CrossPoint, Baton Rouge	27,846.56	25,591.75
Douglas Avenue, Baton Rouge		
Dutchtown, Prairieville	4,000.00	4,000.00
Erwinville, Erwinville	8,109.73	8,460.69
Faith, Baker	4,708.52	3,666.67
Faith, Livonia	250.00	250.00
False River, Ventress		
Family of Faith, Baton Rouge	25,961.00	10,618.00
FBC Central, Baton Rouge	3,600.00	3,300.00
Fellowship of Central, Greenwell Sp.	24,871.10	21,905.49
Fellowship on Airline, Gonzales	18,359.49	15,182.76
Fellowship, Prairieville	92,781.71	81,953.90
Filipino-American Fellowship, Baton Rouge		
First Community Antioch, Luther	3,000.00	
First, Baton Rouge	95,225.44	100,279.64
First, Gonzales	1,200.00	

First, Gramercy	5,659.91	4,790.48
First, Krotz Springs	22,875.64	23,308.11
First, Maringouin	302.41	227.70
First, New Roads	34,110.00	34,635.00
First, Plaquemine	14,708.26	23,265.92
First, Port Allen		
First, Reserve		
First, White Castle	5,809.01	6,059.02
Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge	45,000.00	60,000.00
Fordchoe, Fordchoe	3,322.00	4,166.00
Foster Road, Baton Rouge	18,943.24	20,247.27
Friendship, Baker		
Gethsemane, Baton Rouge		
Glen Oaks, Baton Rouge	980.00	1,785.00
God's Vineyard, Baton Rouge		
Grace Community, Baton Rouge		
Grace, Baton Rouge		
Graceworks, Prairieville		
Greenwell Springs, Greenwell Springs	169,423.69	173,678.54
Grosse Tete, Grosse Tete	20,532.08	16,689.75
Hope, Baton Rouge	941.00	
Immanuel, Central	6,750.40	7,374.09
In His Hands, Baton Rouge		
Indian Mound, Greenwell Springs		447.02
Istrouma Hispanic, Baton Rouge		
Istrouma, Baton Rouge	428,002.25	363,291.37
Jefferson Hispanic, Baton Rouge	15,766.11	2,458.81
Jefferson, Baton Rouge	194,034.88	204,502.31
Korean of Baton Rouge, Baton Rouge	100.00	
Lake Martin, Prairieville	3,796.00	4,441.64
Lanier, Baton Rouge	19,681.00	18,984.00
Latanache, Batchelor		
Little Prairie, Prairieville	1,737.42	1,883.64
Living Hope Fellowship, Baton Rouge	5,996.29	6,974.66
Louisiana Kachin, Baton Rouge		
New Beginnings, Baton Rouge	175.00	200.00
New Covenant, Baton Rouge		
New Life Church, Baton Rouge	5,865.11	12,383.47
New Life Community, Zachary	7,040.70	1,637.60
New Life, Baker	2,000.00	
New River, St Amant	19,004.63	17,383.52
North Highland Community, Baton Rouge		
Oak Grove, Prairieville		1,000.00
Oakcrest, Baton Rouge	5,178.11	6,135.60
Of The Way, Baton Rouge		
Parkview, Baton Rouge	161,371.60	170,454.10
Progression, Baton Rouge	2,082.43	3,808.70
Redeemer, Baton Rouge	9,601.34	7,243.94
Renew, Baton Rouge	2,496.00	900.00
Riverbend, Baton Rouge		
Scarlet Cord, St. James		
Sharon, Port Allen	1,200.00	
Sorrento, Sorrento	13,619.94	13,297.78
Starlight, Morganza		
Stevendale, Baton Rouge	13,350.00	11,748.00
Temple of New Life, East Baton Rouge		100.00
The Grove, Prairieville		
Woodlawn, Baton Rouge	20,051.86	17,297.85
Zoar, Baton Rouge	9,367.30	10,026.67

Bayou Macon Association

	2019	2018
Bayou DuLarge, Theriot	430.85	518.14
Bayou L'Ourse, Bayou L'Ourse		

Bethel, Bourg	42,358.59	
Bourg, Bourg	800.00	
Calvary, Thibodaux	5,942.93	3,479.89
Christ, Houma	1,964.96	2,061.60
Cornerstone, Houma		
Coteau, Houma	-	
Crosspoint, Galliano		
Des Allemands, Des Allemands		
FBC, Grand Isle	2,367.70	2,975.81
First, Golden Meadow	1,000.00	1,600.00
First, Houma	5,000.04	5,861.11
First, LaRose		100.00
First, Lockport	13,776.80	19,808.33
First, Napoleonville	5,516.00	8,340.59
First, Raceland	76.66	665.96
First, Thibodaux	960.00	960.00
Gibson, Gibson	2,116.00	2,111.00
Grace Community Fellowship, Chauvin		
Grand Caillou, Houma	3,233.04	3,948.78
Gulf Coast, Golden Meadow	675.48	1,289.01
Kingdom Life Fellowship, Houma	232.50	675.00
LaRose Hispanic, LaRose		
Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, Grand Isle		
Live Oak, Montegut	2,001.26	2,007.13
Mechanicville Emmanuel, Houma	37.50	190.00
Mulberry, Houma	23,074.65	33,001.67
Nueva Vida, Houma	325.00	350.00
Revival Life, Houma		
Schriever, Schriever	4,192.00	3,587.00
South Lafourche, Cut Off	1,158.00	1,524.00
Trinity, Mathews		
University, Thibodaux	18,014.91	18,439.98

Bayou Macon Association

	2019	2018
Bethlehem, Oak Grove	241.68	
Beulah, Oak Grove	19,534.00	17,104.00
Elmwood, Lake Providence	450.00	600.00
Epps, Epps	9,318.61	8,594.33
First, Kilbourne		
First, Lake Providence	14,496.24	13,734.84
First, Oak Grove	25,888.42	28,387.34
First, Sontheimer	2,558.00	2,123.77
Forest Hispanic, Forest		
Forest, Forest	11,319.91	12,867.03
Goodwill, Oak Grove	250.00	250.00
Green, Oak Grove	5,532.00	6,084.00
Herringsville, Lake Providence		
Hill, Oak Grove	11,171.35	9,244.11
Lane's Ferry, Lake Providence	6,936.00	5,362.00
Little Creek, Epps		
Macedonia, Oak Grove	7,531.54	5,983.11
Melbourne, Transylvania	2,919.41	3,670.36
Monticello, Lake Providence		
New Hope, Lake Providence		
New Prospect, Pioneer	843.00	850.00
New Zion, Oak Grove	5,691.52	4,621.82
Old Midway, Delhi	1,500.00	1,250.00
Pioneer, Pioneer	4,029.27	4,453.82
Transylvania, Transylvania	4,216.34	4,862.55
Trinity, Oak Grove	9,596.92	10,935.71
Unity, Oak Grove	13,422.22	14,675.88
Walnut Grove, Epps		

Beauregard Association

	2019	2018
Arkadelphia, Pitkin	7,271.68	10,707.55
Beauregard Friendship, DeRidder	3,981.03	4,535.14
Beauregard Memorial, Longville	9,480.00	7,800.00
Brushy Creek, Bancroft	2,900.00	3,480.00
Calvary, Merryville	21,872.87	27,443.49
Cherry Grove, Dry Creek	5,500.00	5,200.00

Diamond, DeRidder	3,417.38	2,387.39
Dry Creek, DeRidder	13,800.00	12,384.00
Emanuel Hispanic, DeRidder		
Faith, Ragley	550.00	1,096.29
First, DeRidder	79,830.72	85,441.21
First, Longville	46,250.00	53,637.00
First, Merryville	8,104.60	8,686.83
Gambrell, Starks	810.39	955.03
Glade Branch, Leesville		
Good Hope, Singer	1,000.00	1,300.00
Green Oak, Merryville		
Hebron, Kinder		
Hilltop, DeRidder	270.00	341.78
Hopewell Community, DeRidder	2,487.00	2,746.00
Lone Star, Pitkin	125.05	
Ludington, DeRidder	2,492.62	3,205.89
Magnolia, Ragley	10,830.74	9,834.12
Marlow, Leesville	517.41	275.00
Mystic, Merryville	2,594.56	4,892.78
New Life, DeRidder	11,722.62	20,055.46
Oaklin Springs, Oberlin	300.00	
Occupy Two, Pitkin	7,799.85	8,478.69
Open Door, Lake Charles	300.00	
Palestine, Grant	26,288.78	27,416.15
Pilgrims Rest, Dequincy	1,200.00	1,100.00
Pine Ridge, DeRidder	698.86	756.44
Pleasant Hill, DeRidder	13,831.72	15,711.49
Providence, Leesville		
Reeves, Reeves		
Shady Grove, Pitkin	900.00	857.20
Shiloh, DeRidder	4,791.67	4,762.88
Singer, Singer	8,399.40	7,780.97
Smyrna, DeRidder	1,440.00	1,440.00
Sugartown, Sugartown	1,894.31	2,388.66
Temple, DeRidder	1,923.00	2,123.00
Texas Avenue, DeRidder	10,795.00	12,186.00
Unity, DeRidder	2,400.00	4,400.00
Westview, DeRidder	17,517.60	4,730.16

Bienville Association

	2019	2018
Alabama, Arcadia	1,800.00	2,400.00
Bryceland Cristo es la Roca	3,228.37	2,244.63
Carolina, Saline		
Cypress Springs, Gibsland	602.71	655.76
First, Arcadia	56,099.12	67,266.16
First, Bienville	2,216.31	3,484.02
First, Castor	5,500.00	8,000.00
First, Gibsland	4,706.97	3,952.67
First, Ringgold	15,107.00	12,137.41
Friendship, Bienville	3,600.00	3,600.00
Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida, Athens	943.90	1,373.12
Jamestown, Jamestown	12,525.73	9,942.72
Magnolia, Saline	1,000.00	1,000.00
Mr Lebanon, Gibsland	700.00	500.00
Mr Olive, Quitman		3,024.00
New Beginnings, Castor	859.13	1,213.94
New Bethel, Arcadia	823.00	1,067.15
New Ebenezer, Castor	26,225.22	17,600.22
New Ramah, Castor	275.00	325.00
Old Saline, Castor	6,853.76	6,568.63
Pine Grove, Castor	9,249.36	9,287.18
Pleasant Grove, Ringgold		
Second Chance, Arcadia		
Taylor, Taylor	6,582.91	7,205.74
Union, Quitman		

Big Creek Association

	2019	2018
Bentley, Bentley	7,716.00	7,162.86
Bethel, Colfax	27,802.00	23,922.86
Beulah, Winfield		
Big Creek, Dry Prong	1,650.01	2,016.67
Bob, Pollock	650.00	466.00
Colfax, Colfax	4,517.39	4,754.81
Fairfield, Dry Prong	302.90	
First, Dry Prong	56,765.03	53,119.21
First, Montgomery	3,158.13	2,734.62
First, Pollock	9,983.00	12,011.00
Georgetown, Georgetown		
Harris, Montgomery	540.29	318.67
Hebron, Dry Prong	11,053.64	7,941.51
Hudson Creek, Colfax	410.00	
Iatt, Atlanta		
Liberty Christian, Colfax	875.37	250.00
Lincecum, Pollock	17,377.84	14,681.02
New Prospect, Dry Prong	32,914.00	29,932.00
Northside, Montgomery		
Oak Grove, Bentley	289.00	138.00
Pleasant Hill, Pollock	12,784.20	13,189.56
Selma, Georgetown		
Sherwood, Tioga		
Summerfield, Colfax	150.00	825.00
The Anchor, Pollock		
Verda, Atlanta	3,435.00	7,301.92
Walnut Grove, Colfax		
Wayside, Pollock	17,194.66	12,758.46
Zion Hill Of Williana Inc, Dry Prong		
Zion, Georgetown	480.00	505.00

Caldwell Association

	2019	2018
Banks Springs, Columbia	611.00	1,304.00
Bellview, Columbia	375.00	600.00
Bethany, Columbia	12,691.65	10,380.16
Columbia Heights, Columbia	1,200.00	1,200.00
Cross Roads, Grayson	600.00	4,228.25
Fellowship, Columbia		
First, Columbia	31,204.72	31,558.66
Grayson, Grayson	18,465.71	19,147.83
Hebron, Sikes		400.00
Holum, Grayson		
Kelly, Kelly		
Mr Pleasant, Columbia		

Old Bethel, Clarks		145.00
Palestine, Columbia	300.00	500.00
Sandy Bayou, Columbia	2,219.79	4,150.57
Springhill, Grayson		

Carey Association

Antioch, Vinton.....		
Bellview, Westlake.....	1,614.16	1,875.21
Bethel Metropolitan, Lake Charles.....		
Bethel Ministrics, Jennings.....	600.00	750.00
Calcasieu Bethany, Lake Charles.....	5,420.68	7,638.20
Calvary, Lake Charles.....		
Cameron First.....	879.40	2,694.88
Carlyss Community, Sulphur.....		2,012.80
Carlyss First, Sulphur.....	2,400.00	
Central, Sulphur.....	3,858.00	2,663.00
Choupique, Sulphur.....	30,432.00	30,072.00
Cornerstone, Jennings.....	7,355.16	7,636.76
Crossroads, Vinton.....		
DeQuincy First.....	12,071.57	10,052.50
East Ridge, Lake Charles.....		27,455.26
Elton First.....	2,916.77	4,296.88
Emmanuel, Lake Charles.....	6,823.97	6,503.77
Emmanuel, Vinton.....	3,482.15	3,486.30
Evergreen Missionary, Lake Charles.....		
Fenton, Fenton.....	300.00	400.00
First Sulphur.....	67,319.16	76,794.99
Ford Street, Lake Charles.....	17.00	
Gillis First.....	1,134.53	4,404.33
Grace Community, Carlyss.....		351.28
Grand Lake Community, Lake Charles.....		1,500.00
Hackberry First.....	9,845.21	8,106.69
Hayes First.....	2,902.25	2,950.47
Historic St. Paul, Kinder.....		
Holy Nation, Lake Charles.....	586.03	65.00
Houston River, Sulphur.....	118,349.90	110,750.00
Iglesia Hispana, Sulphur.....	1,283.28	990.70
Indian Village, Kinder.....	2,700.00	1,800.00
Iowa First.....	1,925.00	7,350.00
Jennings First.....	42,048.00	39,470.73
Johnson Bayou, Cameron.....	6,808.34	6,826.37
Journey Church, DeQuincy.....		
Kinder First.....		
Lake Arthur First.....	4,582.13	4,931.60
Lake Charles First.....	57,613.13	58,214.23
Magnolia, Vinton.....	375.00	300.00
Maplewood First, Sulphur.....	44,881.22	46,098.52
Memorial, Lake Charles.....		
Messiah Missionary, Lake Charles.....		
Moss Bluff First, Lake Charles.....	99,999.96	99,999.96
Mount Olive, Lake Charles.....		100.00
Mount Zion, Sulphur.....		
Mr Pilgrim Missionary, Lake Charles.....		
New Hope, DeQuincy.....	21,256.62	22,331.88
Northside, DeQuincy.....		2,084.97
Oak Grove, Grand Chenier.....	764.00	1,808.00
Olivet, Sulphur.....	20,562.17	18,271.33
Open Gate Western Heritage, Lake Charles.....	400.00	400.00
Parkview, Sulphur.....		
Pine Grove, DeQuincy.....	3,000.00	3,000.00
Roanoke, Roanoke.....	8,213.09	9,002.40
Sale Street, Lake Charles.....	29,000.00	60,000.00
Starks First.....	15,064.78	49,719.47
Sulphur Community, Sulphur.....	1,000.00	1,151.30
Tom Hebert Road, Lake Charles.....	6,227.00	5,174.00
Topsy, Lake Charles.....	9,306.00	10,046.00
Trinity, Lake Charles.....	315,000.00	315,000.00
Trinity, Sulphur.....	18,182.76	16,209.70
Unity, Lake Charles.....		
University, Lake Charles.....	600.00	650.00
Vinton First.....	8,123.78	6,970.07
Welsh First.....	11,465.01	12,793.45
Westlake First.....	76,478.43	48,883.82
Westside, Lake Charles.....	1,200.00	1,200.00
Westwood, Westlake.....	14,495.21	15,438.51
Woodlawn, Iowa.....	12,316.75	10,662.38
CenLa Association	2019	2018
Alexandria Korean, Alexandria.....	750.00	1,800.00
Alpine First, Pineville.....	12,725.49	26,972.66



MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS

“Camp is a place we get to experience His presence together. My youngest says her favorite part of camp is connecting with the camp counselors/ cabin leaders. These counselors stay in touch with us even after camp and truly care about our girls.”

Ashley Lanclos, Maplewood First Baptist, Sulphur

“Our children could not understand how Jesus’ love was free to everyone but in other areas of the world it was a crime to pray to God and share Jesus’ love. One of our students said ‘We were blind to this until the Missionaries opened our eyes by sharing their stories and warming our hearts by denying themselves just like Jesus did when He denied Himself for me.’”

Tenettie Griffin, Franklin Avenue Baptist Church

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Fort Road Oak Grove, Winnboro.....	3,700.54	3,325.31
Friendship, Baskin.....	11,380.00	12,142.00
Harmony, Delhi.....		
Hill Ridge, Winnboro.....	1,318.00	1,186.00
Holly Grove, Wisner.....	6,219.79	4,684.20
Lamar, Delhi.....		
Lone Cedar, Winnboro.....		
Lone Pine, Winnboro.....	4,870.56	4,912.00
Magnolia, Winnboro.....	2,313.80	2,326.89
New Zion, Winnboro.....	1,800.00	4,137.00
North Central, Delhi.....		
Sardis, Winnboro.....		
Shady Grove, Winnboro.....		
South Central, Wisner.....	500.00	250.00
Taylor Bayou, Winnboro.....		
Temple, Winnboro.....	11,842.93	26,132.12
Turkey Creek, Gilbert.....	1,200.00	900.00

Delta Association	2019	2018
Bethany, Newellton.....	1,280.01	1,380.04
Bougere, Vidalia.....		1,000.00
Clayton, Clayton.....	1,889.00	1,893.00
First, Newellton.....	6,617.90	7,419.34
First, Ferriday.....	30,561.00	27,836.00
First, Vidalia.....	74,693.45	74,682.24
First, Waterproof.....	3,809.10	3,404.95
Flowers Landing, Newellton.....	2,542.00	2,332.00
Hill Memorial, Ferriday.....	550.00	600.00
Lake St John Community, Ferriday.....	1,007.59	1,056.66
Maryland, St Joseph.....	4,604.25	5,756.61
Riverside, Vidalia.....	9,404.76	10,589.69
St Joseph, St Joseph.....	3,961.16	8,983.76
Westside, Ferriday.....	200.00	230.00

DeSoto Association	2019	2018
Antioch, Mansfield.....	1,552.61	1,697.06
Benson, Converse.....		
Beulah, Mansfield.....	12,053.00	13,244.00
Calvary, Mansfield.....		
Carmel, Mansfield.....		
Cedar Hill, Grand Cane.....		
Emmanuel, Mansfield.....	3,895.00	5,026.00
Fellowship, Mansfield.....		
First Community, Mansfield.....	350.00	700.00
First, Logansport.....	34,072.00	42,990.00
First, Longstreet.....	22,727.00	7,751.00
First, Mansfield.....	43,024.21	44,190.96
Frierson, Frierson.....		
Gloster, Gloster.....	86,415.93	80,810.64
Grand Cane, Grand Cane.....	14,132.14	12,938.07
Hunter Magnolia, Mansfield.....	492.49	190.16
Kingston, Frierson.....	2,461.99	1,346.83
Maple Springs, Logansport.....	963.00	923.99
Mims Springs, Logansport.....		
Mt Olivet, Logansport.....	11,236.00	11,656.00
Old Union, Mansfield.....		
Pelican, Pelican.....	800.00	1,250.00
Salem, Stonewall.....	43,518.62	39,979.00
Shiloh, Keatchie.....	18,950.00	8,420.95
Southside, Mansfield.....	14,002.54	18,006.59
Wallace, Pelican.....	24,265.55	22,122.40
Wood Springs, Grand Cane.....	1,925.00	2,100.00

Eastern Louisiana Association	2019	2018
Agape', Denham Springs.....		
Amite, Denham Springs.....	15,820.51	32,338.62
Bethel, Livingston.....	3,484.66	2,525.29
Carroll, Walker.....	6,581.52	6,524.08
Central, Gonzales.....		
Christ's Community, Denham Springs.....	28,021.00	32,212.45
Colyell, Livingston.....	28,536.59	28,658.79
Community Church, Springfield.....		
Don Avenue, Denham Springs.....	18,412.14	16,147.71
Emmanuel, Denham Springs.....	1,300.00	1,100.00
Faith, Livingston.....	2,100.95	3,600.21
First, Denham Springs.....	79,047.23	70,844.07
First, French Settlement.....	6,129.52	5,955.54
First, Head Of Island.....	1,364.10	1,832.00
First, Holden.....	11,119.97	10,598.89
First, Livingston.....	37,240.00	36,658.00
Gray's Creek, Denham Springs.....	9,482.00	9,807.00
Greater Third Zion, Maurepas.....		
Hebron, Denham Springs.....	33,612.76	41,591.17
Judson, Walker.....	62,497.07	85,113.06
Live Oak, Denham Springs.....	25,913.97	22,149.28
Macedonia, Holden.....	900.00	900.00
Magnolia, Holden.....	3,000.00	3,600.00
Maurepas, Maurepas.....	570.00	421.00
Midway, Livingston.....	7,035.30	7,061.00
New Bethlehem Latino, Denham Springs.....	126.67	
New Bethlehem, Denham Springs.....	900.00	900.00
New Covenant, Denham Springs.....	2,400.00	835.00
Northside, Denham Springs.....	11,499.15	11,360.96
One Life, Denham Springs.....	1,249.00	250.00
Pine Grove, Livingston.....	33,349.00	28,264.11
Red Oak, Livingston.....	1,200.00	1,000.00
River Of Life Worship Center, Port Vincent.....		
Riverside, Denham Springs.....	309.54	750.00
Salem, Walker.....		
Satsuma, Livingston.....	23,463.59	22,647.79
South Walker, Denham Springs.....	1,786.00	1,220.00
Southside, Denham Springs.....	4,025.00	407.69
The New Beginnings, Walker.....	271.00	200.00
The Way Church, Denham Springs.....	1,500.00	1,765.16
The Way Church, Livingston.....		125.00
Victory, Walker.....	15,752.80	13,004.25
Walker, Walker.....	87,138.65	89,472.68
Watson, Watson.....	20,726.79	22,679.85

Evangeline Association	2019	2018
Bethel Korean, Lafayette.....	600.00	360.00

Calvary, Lafayette.....	9,761.64	7,896.18
Christ Church, Abbeville.....		
Christ Church, Duson.....		
Christ Church, Lafayette.....	3,000.00	3,250.00
Church Acadiana, Lafayette.....	2,730.00	2,000.00
Community Chapel, Abbeville.....	667.00	820.80
Community, Lafayette.....	19,094.89	19,831.51
Coteau Holmes, Saint Martinville.....		
El Renuevo Community, Moreauville.....	5,406.69	4,823.27
Erath, Erath.....	540.00	45.00
Esther, Kaplan.....	2,062.06	1,303.75
First Baptist of Pecan Island, Kaplan.....	272.50	292.10
First Lydia, New Iberia.....		

First, Abbeville.....	1,800.00	1,800.00
First, Broussard.....	3,827.19	15,702.55
First, Carencro.....	2,060.48	1,818.65
First, Delcambre.....	2,034.32	3,135.16
First, Jeanerette.....	630.00	2,956.42
First, Lafayette.....	509,842.47	430,300.06
First, Milton.....		
First, New Iberia.....	20,451.77	20,541.94
First, Scott.....		1,577.53
First, Youngsville.....	8,626.66	7,437.42
Full Throttle Acadiana, Maurice.....		794.10
Highland Laotian, New Iberia.....	2,388.33	2,241.43
Highland, New Iberia.....	79,394.49	68,858.83
Iglesia Nueva Vida, New Iberia.....	2,705.14	2,984.02
Jehova Jireh, Duson.....	1,500.00	1,500.00
Jenkins Memorial, St Martinville.....	13,218.14	16,178.31
Kaplan, Kaplan.....	2,096.00	2,578.00
Lafayette Korean, Lafayette.....		450.00
Lakefront Community, St Martinville.....	781.67	995.72
Loreauville, Loreauville.....	1,606.27	1,438.92
New Hope, St Martinville.....	90.00	23.60
Nueva Vida, Abbeville.....		70.00
Parks, Parks.....	2,192.00	1,737.00
Redeemer City, Lafayette.....	1,600.00	1,400.00
St James, Lafayette.....	125.00	
Teche, Breaux Bridge.....	6,730.01	7,805.59
The Bayou, Lafayette.....	20,000.04	20,004.00
The Bridge Fellowship, Breaux Bridge.....	2,424.79	2,256.10
The Garden, Lafayette.....	100.00	100.00
The Open Door, Lafayette.....	1,142.84	1,215.34
Trinity, New Iberia.....	6,680.72	6,718.08
Vatican, Cankton.....	4,975.63	5,075.77
Westside, New Iberia.....	1,500.00	1,500.00
Youngsville Community, Youngsville.....	1,650.00	1,800.00

Gulf Coast Association	2019	2018
Baldwin Baptist Mission.....	19.16	
Bayou Vista, Morgan City.....	27,308.31	26,916.27
Belle River, Pierre Part.....	1,700.88	2,140.72
Calumet Replant, Patterson.....		
Calvary Spanish, Morgan City.....	1,090.00	770.00
Cypremort Point, Franklin.....	1,315.36	762.70
First, Amelia.....		
First, Berwick.....	1,236.50	2,106.33
First, Franklin.....	1,979.37	216.66
First, Morgan City.....	11,463.19	11,625.48
First, Patterson.....	2,216.64	3,305.44
Immanuel, Morgan City.....	1,535.00	6,055.02
Little Pass, Charenton.....	7,555.20	7,759.28
Myette Point, Franklin.....	4,656.46	3,272.65
Unity 1, Franklin.....	1,200.00	400.00
Unity Two, Morgan City.....		

LaSalle Association	2019	2018
Aimoch, Olla.....		
Bellevue, Jena.....		
Calvary Heights, Jena.....		
Crossroads, Jena.....	2,228.03	2,489.27
East Jena, Jena.....	1,958.16	12,000.00
Ebenezer, Trout.....	13,244.19	13,609.79
Fellowship, Trout.....	14,434.76	25,493.29
First Mt Nebo, Jena.....	8,743.61	1,652.46
First, Jena.....	12,000.00	12,000.00
First, Olla.....	2,991.00	5,512.96
First, Tuillos.....		6,728.07
First, Urania.....	100.00	
Good Pine, Jena.....		
Hurricane Creek, Jena.....		
Magnolia, Jena.....	600.00	550.00
Midway, Jena.....	6,233.54	6,017.63
Mt Sinai, Jena.....		
Oak Ridge, Jena.....		
Pine Grove, Jena.....		
Pinehill, Olla.....	500.00	500.00
Pleasant Hill, Jena.....	2,722.99	2,470.32
Pleasant Ridge, Olla.....		
Pritchard, Jonesville.....	20,638.00	16,906.00
Rosefield, Grayson.....	12,538.53	11,288.00
Searcy, Trout.....	34,058.08	29,148.46
Summerville, Olla.....		
Temple, Jena.....	1,704.00	1,704.00
United, Jena.....	637.71	722.24
Victory, Jena.....	300.00	275.00
Zenoria, Georgetown.....		

Louisiana Association	2019	2018
Bayou Des Glaises, Moreauville.....	997.60	709.66
Bayou Jack, Plaquemine.....	181.00	114.00
Bayou Life, Cottonport.....	30.00	125.00
Bayou Rouge, Evergreen.....	1,984.00	3,568.00
Beulah, Cheneyville.....	8,093.00	8,679.00
Big Cane, Morrow.....	8,495.20	10,257.00
Calvary, Bayou Chicot.....	680.00	680.00
Centerville, St Landry.....	1,200.00	1,300.00
Eola, Bunkie.....	1,988.63	1,503.88
Fifth Ward, Marksville.....	1,963.86	1,306.24
First Lone Pine, St Landry.....	5,523.12	828.92
First, Bunkie.....	4,800.00	4,800.00

First, Dupont.....	622.50	1,459.32
First, Melville.....	2,996.33	3,454.02
First, Simmesport.....	1,417.43	1,249.50
Grace Community Lighthouse, Krotz Springs.....	600.00	600.00
Grace Point, Simmesport.....		150.00
Hessmer, Hessmer.....	10,069.01	9,248.88
Life Point Community, Mansura.....	7,200.00	7,523.32
Marksville, Marksville.....	721.00	
Moreauville Community, Moreauville.....	2,180.80	527.00
Morrow, Morrow.....	2,352.50	2,384.61
Point of Life, Plaquemine.....	1,751.74	1,496.07
Red River Community, Marksville.....	350.00	180.00
Refuge, Echo.....		
St James, Bunkie.....	800.00	1,650.00
St Landry, Saint Landry.....	1,298.31	1,294.56
The Church at Marksville.....	1,326.41	1,154.80

Madison Association	2019	2018
First Waverly, Delhi.....	10,163.98	9,000.68
First, Tallulah.....	44,523.00	46,501.00
Mound, Tallulah.....	2,638.00	2,635.07
New Hope, Delhi.....	5,772.00	4,329.00
Parkview, Tallulah.....	13,176.12	12,621.46
Warsaw, Delhi.....	3,667.94	3,537.69
Willow Bayou, Tallulah.....	1,112.55	1,022.57

Morehouse Association	2019	2018
Bethel, Bastrop.....	36,692.02	41,433.59
Bonita Road, Bastrop.....	81,879.73	84,454.33
Bonita Road, Mer Rouge.....	10,436.74	
Bonita, Bonita.....	2,562.00	2,052.00
Cherry Ridge, Bastrop.....	38,816.44	35,547.78
Faith, Bastrop.....	9,600.00	10,400.00
Fellowship, Bastrop.....		
First, Bastrop.....	41,913.52	60,009.30
Greenacres - Bastrop.....	8,732.80	9,982.92
Horseshoe, Mer Rouge.....		4,621.00
Mision Bautista Victoria, Bastrop.....	884.93	837.50
New Friendship, Bastrop.....		3,283.86
New Hope, Jones.....	3,364.11	5,115.68
North Monroe - Bastrop.....		
Oak Hill, Bastrop.....	7,277.63	8,006.59
Oak Ridge, Oak Ridge.....		
Pine Grove, Bastrop.....	5,460.00	4,200.00
Riverside, Bastrop.....		
Tillou, Bastrop.....	6,717.00	7,705.75
Twin Oaks, Bastrop.....	8,135.70	10,810.07

Mt. Olive Association	2019	2018
Amiable, Glenmora.....		
Beaver Creek, Oakdale.....	1,809.87	1,673.44
Bethany, Oakdale.....		
Bethel, Glenmora.....		
Calcasieu, Glenmora.....	3,974.84	4,263.04
Calvary, Forest Hill.....		
Cornestone, Oakdale.....	600.00	1,200.00
Davis Crossing, Glenmora.....		
Elizabeth, Elizabeth.....	15,233.27	14,231.03
Elwood, Forest Hill.....	34,103.09	32,480.12
Emmanuel, Oakdale.....	8,625.95	7,849.75
First, Oakdale.....	300.00	300.00
First, Pine Prairie.....	21,879.64	21,231.22
Forest Hill, Forest Hill.....	4,022.28	4,183.10
Freedom, Pitkin.....	1,200.00	1,200.00
Friendship, Pine Prairie.....		
Glenmora, Glenmora.....	33,387.71	26,742.19
Gospel, Glenmora.....	2,688.00	2,653.00
Harmony, Glenmora.....	11,583.97	10,912.35
Hopewell, Pitkin.....	1,574.00	1,265.00
Humble, Pitkin.....	1,200.00	1,200.00
Iglesia Nueva Vida, Forest Hill.....		
Lake Cove, Turkey Creek.....	675.00	750.00
Lone Star, Hinston.....		
Long Leaf, Longleaf.....	600.00	600.00
First Mt Nebo, Oakdale.....	16,665.41	16,392.89
New Hope, Elmer.....	1,835.00	600.00
New Sunrise, Otis.....		
Oak Hill Community, Oakdale.....	555.62	768.46
Oberlin, Oberlin.....	4,412.00	2,303.00
Occupy One, Pitkin.....		
Peniel, Glenmora.....	1,197.00	1,214.00
Pine Grove, Elizabeth.....		400.00
Pine Ridge, Melder.....	4,800.00	4,400.00
Pisgah, Forest Hill.....	14,510.07	14,832.27
St. Matthew, Oakdale.....		
Trinity, Oakdale.....	7,077.71	5,700.09
Trinity, Turkey Creek.....	6,731.55	1,738.95
Union Hill, Glenmora.....		
Westport Friendship, Pitkin.....		
Yancy Road, Glenmora.....		1,151.54

Natchitoches Association	2019	2018
Ashland, Ashland.....		
Bay Springs, Chopin.....	3,883.40	3,405.32
Bellwood, Provencal.....		
Bethany, Marthaville.....		
Briarwood, Saline.....	250.00	612.00
Calvary, Natchitoches.....	9,759.87	6,464.40
Central, Robeline.....		711.15

Metairie Church.....	17,076.41	15,283.24
Metairie Korean, Metairie.....		
Metairie, Metairie.....	25,116.60	26,821.53
Mission Community, New Orleans.....	846.66	1,823.00
Mosaic Community, New Orleans.....	2,200.00	250.00
New Hope Community, Kenner.....	400.00	100.00
New Hope East Campus, New Orleans.....	265.00	390.00
New Life Ministry, New Orleans.....	600.00	525.00
New Life Spanish, Marrero.....	1,850.00	1,750.00
New Life Worship, New Orleans.....		540.00
New Orleans Chinese Church, New Orleans.....	908.52	
New Orleans Chinese, Kenner.....	2,400.00	2,400.00
New Pilgrim, Reserve.....		
New Salem, New Orleans.....		1,500.00
New Testament, Harvey.....		430.56
New Vision, St Rose.....	550.00	550.00
Next Level in Christ, New Orleans.....	150.00	
Nola, New Orleans.....		

One Church, Metairie.....		
Parkview, Metairie.....	21,424.50	20,049.27
Port Sulphur, Port Sulphur.....	735.91	1,171.34
Potter's Wheel, Harvey.....		
Poydras, Saint Bernard.....	10,099.87	9,149.80
Reach Out for Christ, Violet.....		
Rebuild, New Orleans.....		
Refuge, New Orleans.....	1,440.00	1,440.00
Restoration, Metairie.....		1,632.33
Rio Vista, Jefferson.....	2,097.97	1,399.06
Riverside, River Ridge.....	15,000.00	14,566.67
Shiloh Christian Fellowship, New Orleans.....	625.00	550.00
St Bernard, Chalmette.....		
St Joseph Free, New Orleans.....	210.00	
St Rose, St. Rose.....	10,971.14	8,078.29
Still Water Southeast, Marrero.....	1,266.49	1,348.10
Still Water, Westbank.....	50.00	350.00
Strength For Today, New Orleans.....	375.00	
Suburban, New Orleans.....	2,700.00	1,450.00
Touchstone, New Orleans.....	2,108.27	5,620.86
Urban Family, New Orleans.....		
Valence Street, New Orleans.....		
Vietnamese, New Orleans.....	1,920.00	1,760.00
Vieux Carré, New Orleans.....		
Vintage, New Orleans.....	12,000.00	8,000.00
West Marrero, Marrero.....		
West St Charles, Boutte.....	10,713.90	11,369.75
Westbank, New Orleans.....	1,084.51	577.44
Williams Boulevard, Kenner.....	32,166.63	2 2,833.37

North Central Baptist Association	2019	2018
Ansley, Quitman.....		
Atlanta, Atlanta.....	250.00	250.00
Beech Creek, Tullos.....		
Beech Springs, Quitman.....	17,675.00	14,997.00
Bethlehem, Winnfield.....	4,592.00	1,447.00
Big Creek, Winnfield.....	400.00	400.00
Calvary, Tullos.....	7,004.12	6,684.40
Caney Lake, Chatham.....	3,000.00	3,000.00
Center Point, Jonesboro.....	8,826.41	5,365.07
Corinth, Winnfield.....		
Crews New Salem, Montgomery.....		
Cypress Creek, Dodson.....		
Dodson First, Dodson.....		
East Winnfield, Winnfield.....	6,226.00	7,012.64
Ebenezer, Jonesboro.....	23,641.89	19,612.99
Fellowship, Quitman.....		
First, Calvin.....	1,700.04	2,800.04
First, Chatham.....		3,812.25
First, Eros.....	900.00	1,100.00
First, Jonesboro.....	36,699.53	34,368.46
First, Winnfield.....	71,942.20	67,188.50
Goldonna, Goldonna.....	7,621.47	8,198.26
Grace, Goldonna.....		
Harmony Grove, Dodson.....		
Hodge, Hodge.....	12,761.27	13,194.89
Hurricane Creek, Dodson.....	857.40	925.00
Lakeside, Winnfield.....	2,583.00	1,955.00
Laurel Heights, Winnfield.....	2,241.87	2,031.86
McDonald Memorial, Jonesboro.....	10,366.91	10,211.39
Midway, Jonesboro.....		
Mill Creek, Goldonna.....		
Mt Olive, Eros.....		
New Jerusalem, Winnfield.....	2,353.50	1,840.75
Pleasant Hill, Winnfield.....	938.20	1,284.95
Quitman, Quitman.....	22,062.17	25,143.72
Sardis, Winnfield.....	3,492.44	3,566.85
Sikes, Sikes.....		
Siloam, Dodson.....	4,849.00	4,630.50
South Winnfield, Winnfield.....	27,047.93	30,929.62
Southside, Jonesboro.....		175.00
Springhill, Jonesboro.....	4,243.18	1,807.17
Sweetwater, Quitman.....	66,000.00	63,000.00
Trinity, Winnfield.....		
Union Hill, Montgomery.....	2,395.43	2,757.66
United, Winnfield.....	1,200.00	1,000.00
Vernon, Ruston.....		
Walnut Ridge, Quitman.....	6,094.58	5,779.94
Welcome Home, Dodson.....	4,955.58	6,082.30
Weston, Jonesboro.....	450.00	650.00
Yankee Springs, Goldonna.....		
Zion Hill, Winnfield.....	1,246.47	1 1,841.91

North Sabine Association	2019	2018
Aimwell, Zavolle.....	29,796.31	26,715.64
Bethsadia, Ida.....		
Calvary, Many.....	16,834.69	13,928.17
Carson, Zavolle.....	3,247.00	2,167.00
Cedar Grove, Robeline.....	354.36	493.44
Dowell, Pleasant Hill.....		
Emmanuel, Pleasant Hill.....		
Fellowship, Converse.....	2,598.08	2,373.08
First Ft Jesup, Many.....	932.33	1,010.34

First, Converse.....	2,600.00	2,400.00
First, Pleasant Hill.....		
First, Zavolle.....	13,410.90	10,974.95
Friendship, Many.....	438.53	284.08
Lakeside, Converse.....	2,089.65	1,864.10
Lakeview, Noble.....		
Memorial, Slidell.....		
Midway, Converse.....	296.32	1,056.32
Mt Olive, Many.....		
Mt Zion First, Many.....		
Noble, Noble.....	2,371.08	696.25
Old Pisgah, Marthaville.....		
Pilgrims Rest, Many.....		
San Patricio, Converse.....	484.47	412.83
Shady Grove, Noble.....		
Spring Ridge, Pleasant Hill.....	469.29	613.13
Union Springs, Converse.....	7,572.00	9,750.00
Union, Belmont.....	1,586.13	1,744.36

Northeast Louisiana Association	2019	2018
Bayou Oaks, Monroe.....	600.00	600.00
Berean, Monroe.....	50.00	
Bethel, West Monroe.....	525.00	275.00
Bosco, Monroe.....		
Calvary, Monroe.....	6,287.49	3,918.15
Cedar Crest, West Monroe.....	167,483.80	166,601.77
Center Point, West Monroe.....		120.00
Cheniere, West Monroe.....	16,862.46	17,639.77
Chinese, Monroe.....		
ChristWay, Monroe.....	100.00	200.00
Clark Springs, Eros.....	11,502.88	10,350.02
Community, West Monroe.....	6,120.78	11,133.51
Cypress, West Monroe.....	10,499.70	12,747.43
Emmanuel Hispanic, Monroe.....		
Emmanuel, Monroe.....	7,825.96	7,417.79
Fair Park at Good Hope, West Monroe.....		
Fair Park, West Monroe.....	114,921.06	121,928.78
First West Fairbanks, Fairbanks.....		
First West, Calhoun.....		
First, Calhoun.....	64,985.00	62,677.87
First, Monroe.....	71,686.40	43,965.96
First, Sterlington.....	37,711.98	35,808.24
First, West Monroe.....	62,499.00	245,831.00
Grace Covenant, West Monroe.....		
Grace, Monroe.....	19,216.17	20,486.60
Greater New Antioch, Monroe.....	800.00	400.00
Highland Park, Monroe.....	1,900.00	674.61
Highland, West Monroe.....	42,989.08	41,698.83
Jerusalem, Calhoun.....	30.00	50.00
Lakeshore, Monroe.....	36,613.72	39,277.94
Liberty, Calhoun.....	685.00	350.00
Lighthouse, Monroe.....		
Loch Arbor, Monroe.....	4,000.00	500.00
McClendon, West Monroe.....	122,720.94	107,449.99
Memorial, Monroe.....		
Mt Vernon, West Monroe.....	51,413.75	45,649.25
New Chapel Hill, West Monroe.....	34,294.04	32,035.56
New Hope, Monroe.....	3,000.00	3,000.00
New Light, Monroe.....	10,588.64	10,832.01
North Hills, West Monroe.....	7,265.00	5,983.00
North LA Cowboy Church, West Monroe.....	3,722.54	2,519.70
North Monroe, Monroe.....	82,500.00	90,000.00
Northeast Hispanic, West Monroe.....		
Oak Grove, Eros.....	29,553.21	30,490.30
Ouachita, West Monroe.....	12,000.00	12,000.00
Parkview, Monroe.....	8,015.67	5,878.14
Pine Hills, West Monroe.....		500.00
Refuge, Monroe.....		105.00
Rescue, West Monroe.....		
Ridge Avenue, West Monroe.....	9,162.40	14,177.20
Riverview, West Monroe.....	1,843.00	1,420.00
Swartz First Baptist.....	76,132.92	88,818.12
The Crossing, West Monroe.....	16.60	13.00
Trinity, West Monroe.....	1,463.52	1,446.26
Victory, Monroe.....	11,333.36	10,333.32
Watson, West Monroe.....	4,650.00	4,000.00

Northshore Baptist Association	2019	2018
Agua Viva, Pearl River.....	766.94	781.40
Antioch, Tickfaw.....	433.78	468.50
Bayou, Slidell.....	6,963.00	6,070.00
Bedico, Ponchatoula.....	50,216.00	46,343.00
Bethlehem, Albany.....	34,598.00	34,298.00
Blood River, Albany.....	18,496.25	13,144.78
Bogue Falaya, Folsom.....	5,000.00	5,000.00
Boots N Saddles, Folsom.....	1,380.80	1,774.34
Calvary, Slidell.....	6,447.36	17,656.59
Celebration Church, Mandeville.....	7,500.00	
Celebration, Slidell.....		
Coburn, Hammond.....		
Collins Boulevard, Covington.....	500.00	500.00
Countryside, Tickfaw.....	150.00	300.00
Covenant, Slidell.....	242.00	492.00
Creekside, Loranger.....		
Cristo para Todos, Natalbany.....		600.00
Cross Brand Cowboy,Loranger.....	488.54	222.00
Crossgate First, Robert.....	1,189.19	2,546.45
Crossroads, Hammond.....	6,064.57	5,459.51
Ebenezer, Hammond.....	7,484.03	10,936.91
Emmaus, Tickfaw.....	791.78	1,449.90
Evans Creek, Pearl River.....	8,262.72	9,992.05
First, Albany.....	8,307.27	7,540.49
First, Covington.....	300,000.00	317,916.67
First, Folsom.....	17,774.61	17,444.52
First, Hammond.....	4,649.83	4,477.67
First, Independence.....	3,750.00	2,000.00
First, Madisonville.....		
First, Mandeville.....	49,486.09	92,140.43
First, Pearl River.....	28,470.03	30,980.12
First, Ponchatoula.....	95,524.57	99,572.16
First, Slidell.....	88,200.00	87,850.00
First, Springfield.....	5,476.24	8,859.29

First, Tickfaw.....	1,755.71	1,661.25
French Corner, Ponchatoula.....	4,919.83	4,677.40
Fuente De Agua Viva, Albany.....		
Full Faith Christian, Ponchatoula.....		
Grace Community, Mandeville.....	2,305.60	1,583.60
Grace Hispanic Mission, Folsom.....	446.60	676.10
Grace Memorial, Slidell.....	80,118.15	80,364.80
Grace, Folsom.....	1,350.60	1,489.10
Hebron, Bush.....	27,976.85	27,629.38
Hope, Bush.....		
Iglesia Bautista Buenas Nuevas, Slidell.....	3,440.52	3,040.64
Iglesia Cristo Redentor, Mandeville.....	7,677.75	13,444.24
Immanuel, Hammond.....	4,268.25	4,733.13
Jerusalem, Hammond.....	16,200.79	14,878.31
Jesus Prosperity Teaching Ctr,Slidell.....		
Killian First, Springfield.....		
Lee Hill, Folsom.....	735.96	597.08
Lee Valley, Loranger.....		
Life Church, Mandeville.....		
Lighthouse, Independence.....	2,192.25	3,019.56
Loranger, Loranger.....	16,650.05	16,132.60
Manchac, Akers.....	350.00	
Midway, Ponchatoula.....		
Millville, Ponchatoula.....	3,589.12	3,257.29
Mt Calvary, Independence.....	163.72	160.22
Natalbany, Natalbany.....	11,901.66	10,098.54
New Beginning, Bush.....	900.00	1,200.00
New Beulah, Hammond.....	2,441.92	2,415.66
New Hope, Franklinton.....		
New Hope, Independence.....		
New Life Community, Covington.....	3,750.04	7,166.20
New Zion, Covington.....	9,898.52	63,401.83
Northshore, Slidell.....	36,000.00	36,000.00
Northside, Slidell.....	5,416.12	4,212.62
Old Zion Hill, Independence.....	34,823.32	34,102.29
Red Bluff, Folsom.....	21,937.62	20,793.18
Redeemed, Hammond.....		
Redemption Christian Center, Hammond.....		
Redemption, Lacombe.....	15,879.77	13,315.78
Ridge Memorial, Slidell.....		
River Fellowship, Hammond.....	4,990.70	5,164.81
River Road, Hammond.....		
Serenity, Tickfaw.....	1,427.87	252.93
Springville, Livingston.....	4,211.34	4,721.53
St James, Madisonville.....		
Still Water, Hammond.....		100.00
Tammany Hills, Covington.....	1,293.18	947.75
The Bridge Church, Madisonville.....	4,800.00	5,625.00
The Field, Mandeville.....	2,400.00	10,000.00
The Louisiana Church, Abita Springs.....		
Thompson Road, Slidell.....	17,662.42	14,839.05
Trinity, Hammond.....	16,919.00	17,124.00
True Life, Slidell.....		
Victory, Hammond.....	142.80	
Vida Nueva, Ponchatoula.....		
Wadesboro, Ponchatoula.....		1,405.39
Wardline, Hammond.....		
Westside, Ponchatoula.....	19,820.78	18,631.10
Woodhaven, Tickfaw.....	681.00	474.00
Woodland Park, Hammond.....	71,653.57	60,134.87
Woodland, Springfield.....	1,964.95	1,545.45

Northwest Louisiana Association	2019	2018
Abundant Life, Bossier City.....		
Airline, Bossier City.....	38,250.00	32,885.63
Ban Suk Korean, Bossier City.....	12,500.00	9,500.00
Baptist Bible Fellowship, Shreveport.....	4,200.00	3,500.00
Barksdale, Bossier City.....	15,765.33	16,231.06
Belcher, Belcher.....	14,236.96	15,320.20
Bellaire South, Bossier City.....		
Bellaire, Bossier City.....	33,333.30	11,499.99
Belle Park, Haughton.....	10,992.00	4,932.38
Bellevue Road, Haughton.....		
Bethany, Bethany.....	24,102.47	20,560.80
Bethel, Shreveport.....		
Bethesda, Shreveport.....	100.00	300.00
Bethsadia, Ida.....		
Beulah Land, Haughton.....	2,290.39	1,970.01
Broadacres, Shreveport.....	250.00	250.00
Broadmoor Espanol, Bossier.....		
Broadmoor Hispanic, Shreveport.....		880.18
Broadmoor, Shreveport.....	524,125.15	529,313.23
Brookwood, Shreveport.....	9,877.42	6,214.85
Caddo Prairie, Hosston.....	507.48	475.83
Calvary, Shreveport.....	12,000.00	12,000.00
Chinese, Shreveport.....	2,400.00	2,400.00
Clarion, Shreveport.....		
Cornerstone Community, Shreveport.....		200.00
Cornerstone, Bossier City.....	200.00	
Countryside, Keithville.....	1,200.00	1,200.00
Countryside, Mooringsport.....		
Covenant Shreveport.....		
Cross Point, Benton.....	9,520.41	5,441.11
Cypress, Benton.....	151,631.04	151,631.04
Eastwood, Haughton.....	42,000.00	42,000.00
Ellerbe, Shreveport.....	104,466.07	112,655.82
Elm Grove, Bossier City.....	10,106.39	9,546.45
Emmanuel, Shreveport.....	54,945.47	62,825.04
Emmanuel, Vivian.....	2,031.19	2,021.28
Faith Baptist Fellowship, Bossier City.....		507.03
Fellowship, Benton.....		
Ferry Lake, Oil City.....	2,289.75	1,787.54
Fillmore, Princeton.....	869.28	295.80
First Greenwood.....	2,896.99	1,995.82
First Hispanic, Haughton.....		
First Zo, Bossier City.....	3,195.90	3,228.93
First, Benton.....	2,819.00	21,998.00
First, Blanchard.....	57,034.50	58,694.47
First, Bossier City.....	123,460.00	57,348.16
First, Haughton.....	200,291.63	198,729.96
First, Keithville.....	67,447.00	86,917.00
First, Oil City.....	120.00	360.00

First, Princeton.....	4,317.69	5,079.71
First, Shreveport.....	20,744.53	23,942.88
First, Vivian.....	35,629.19	34,788.73
Ford Park, Shreveport.....	16,660.37	19,971.02
Freedom Church, Bossier City.....		
Gethsemane, Shreveport.....		35

Crystal Springs, Ringgold.....	5,955.91	4,302.65
Springhill, Ringgold.....	29,692.92	30,473.96
Union Hall, Coushatta.....	2,532.71	2,415.68
Richland Association	2019	2018
Alto, Rayville.....	15,700.00	18,050.00
Antioch, Rayville.....	1,800.00	1,800.00
Bethel, Rayville.....	1,939.30	1,945.57
Bethlehem, Mangham.....	283.00	266.00
Boeuf River, Rayville.....		
Calvary, Mangham.....	9,896.00	9,416.00
Cedar, Archibald.....	5,748.42	5,315.93
Dunn, Delhi.....	17,832.00	16,830.00
Eastside, Rayville.....		
First, Archibald.....	12,574.00	18,993.00
First, Delhi.....	14,375.00	13,469.00
First, Rayville.....	114,812.11	112,796.09
Hegwood, Epps.....		
Holly Ridge, Rayville.....		
Lone Cherry, Mangham.....	2,999.93	3,883.33
Mangham, Mangham.....	28,493.14	39,180.05
New Light, Mangham.....	1,992.00	1,992.00
Newton, Delhi.....	7,907.53	7,726.91
Rayville Baptist Christian, Rayville.....		
Robinson, Delhi.....		
Start, Start.....	34,248.00	34,247.00
Unity, Delhi.....		
Welcome Home, Hebert.....	2,968.27	2,755.26
West New Home, Rayville.....	6,114.43	5,453.54
Westside Of Delhi, Delhi.....		709.49
Woodlawn, Rayville.....	17,549.45	18,750.08
Zebedee, Rayville.....		

Sabine Association	2019	2018
Alford Heights, Many.....	5,702.00	5,061.00
Antioch, Florien.....	2,215.00	1,325.00
Beulah, Many.....	3,293.03	2,159.50
Christian, Florien.....	370.77	443.99
Ebenezer, Florien.....	275.00	325.00
El Aposento Alto Hispanic,.....	552.00	1,360.07
First, Florien.....	3,690.30	3,778.17
First, Hornbeck.....	20,767.07	19,483.87
First, Many.....	19,101.05	25,410.78
Fisher, Fisher.....		
Gandy, Florien.....		
Harmony Cove, Florien.....	561.51	642.84
Lakeside, Many.....	1,931.22	2,139.72
Little Flock, Many.....	5,199.13	9,475.76
Middle Creek, Florien.....		
Mt Carmel, Florien.....	3,334.46	6,985.06
Oak Hill, Many.....		
Pine Grove, Florien.....	3,412.00	3,527.00
Pisgah, Florien.....	2,849.60	2,866.60
Plainview, Florien.....	3,564.88	3,267.77
Pleasant Hill, Florien.....	3,229.64	5,301.10
Siloam, Many.....	900.00	1,200.00
Trinity, Many.....		
Zion Hill, Negreet.....	5,388.72	4,978.86

Two Rivers Association	2019	2018
Bethel, Kentwood.....	1,320.00	1,320.00
Chappapeela, Amite.....		
Crossroad Fellowship, Amite.....		
Darlington, Greensburg.....		
East Fork, Kentwood.....	20,436.20	18,273.17
First, Amite.....	25,371.52	27,133.85
First, Greensburg.....	8,573.21	9,048.50
First, Kentwood.....	44,907.88	62,356.58
First, Roseland.....		300.00
Friendship, Amite.....	3,410.00	
Grangeville, Pine Grove.....		
Greenlaw, Kentwood.....	3,824.00	2,051.00
Hillsdale, Amite.....	6,422.35	3,912.39
Kedron, Amite.....	7,677.94	5,523.17
Lewiston, Kentwood.....		566.16
Line Creek, Kentwood.....	20,028.00	10,766.00
Montpelier, Montpelier.....	5,540.00	5,540.00
Mt Nebo, Roseland.....		
New Sharon, Husser.....	7,338.60	7,309.56
New Zion, Kentwood.....	8,116.08	8,647.54
Pleasant Hill, Pine Grove.....	6,786.32	6,116.63
Red Bluff, Greensburg.....	1,400.00	900.00
Spring Creek, Kentwood.....	41,958.38	37,628.14
Tangipahoa, Kentwood.....	5,198.11	4,423.22
Taylor Creek, Kentwood.....	3,467.27	4,260.05
Westview, Amite.....		

Vernon Baptist Association	2019	2018
Antioch, Slagle.....	3,000.00	3,000.00
Big Hammock, Leander.....		
Calvary, Leesville.....		
Canaan, Leesville.....	16,978.00	12,602.00

Castor, Leesville.....	7,128.08	6,528.40
Cold Springs, Anacoco.....		
Comrade, Temple.....	770.00	601.00
Cooper, Leesville.....	27,175.60	37,905.83
Crystal Springs, Anacoco.....		
East Leesville, Leesville.....	41,953.88	25,660.77
First, Anacoco.....	46,900.17	46,638.00
First, Leesville.....	34,912.00	40,973.54
First, Pitkin.....	2,000.00	2,333.40
Flactor, Leesville.....	6,308.29	7,630.07
Freedom Rest, Anacoco.....		
Fullerton, Pitkin.....		
Galilee, Evans.....	4,677.13	4,854.28
Good Hope, Anacoco.....	1,200.00	1,200.00
Gravel Hill, Pitkin.....	4,124.56	4,022.38
Laurel Hill, Leesville.....	7,420.69	5,726.59
Leesville Korean, Leesville.....	1,850.00	2,100.00
Mount Bethel, Leesville.....	200.00	
Mt Carmel, DeRidder.....	1,809.94	1,717.03
Mt Moriah, Hinston.....	4,125.00	4,500.00
Mt Olive, Pitkin.....		
New Birth, Leesville.....	300.00	500.00
New Llano First.....		
Oak Forest, Leesville.....	1,200.00	1,100.00
Old Anacoco, Leesville.....	9,797.00	7,880.00
Pine Grove, Mora.....		
Pine Hill, Leesville.....	1,975.50	3,150.03
Pine Land, Mora.....		
Pisgah, Clifton.....		
Pleasant View, Hornbeck.....		
Prewitts Chapel, Hornbeck.....	3,827.72	4,209.73
Sandy Hill, Leesville.....	3,483.13	3,423.74
Silver Creek, Leesville.....	1,733.00	1,770.69
Simpson, Simpson.....	6,036.00	1,104.00
Slagle, Slagle.....	4,081.62	6,207.64
South Park, Leesville.....		
Spanish Branch, Mora.....		
Sunny Hill, Leesville.....	635.00	

Washington Association	2019	2018
Angie, Angie.....	31,188.24	25,399.18
Bethel, Franklinton.....	11,422.88	8,450.47
Bogue Chitto Heights, Franklinton.....	481.80	1,430.86
Bogue Chitto, Mount Hermon.....	10,354.31	10,513.69
Bonner Creek, Franklinton.....	2,741.86	2,074.82
Briarwood, Franklinton.....	7,790.00	7,647.00
Clifton, Franklinton.....	7,634.31	10,386.94
Cornerstone, Bogalusa.....		
Enon, Franklinton.....	18,075.65	18,323.53
Faith Church, Franklinton.....		
First, Bogalusa.....	25,388.62	27,516.69
First, Franklinton.....	76,233.72	75,754.66
First, Sun.....	780.00	660.00
Hays Creek, Franklinton.....	2,387.30	2,277.78
Highland, Bogalusa.....	7,776.91	9,141.46
Hillcrest, Franklinton.....	45,110.83	49,880.39
Isabel, Bogalusa.....	1,253.04	934.50
Lee's Creek, Bogalusa.....	21,518.09	21,292.61
Main Street, Bogalusa.....	500.00	1,346.00
Memorial, Bogalusa.....	27,744.40	26,270.20
Monroe Street, Bogalusa.....	5,408.00	6,327.00
Mt Hermon, Mt Hermon.....	14,945.23	15,082.70
Mt Pisgah, Mount Hermon.....		900.00
Mt Pleasant, Bogalusa.....	13,567.48	14,618.49
Nueva Vida en Cristo, Bogalusa.....	425.40	289.76
Palestine, Bogalusa.....	19,508.69	20,810.55
Pine First, Pine.....	14,410.87	9,854.44
Plainview, Bogalusa.....	9,794.83	9,924.49
Pleasant Hill, Bogalusa.....		
Springhill, Franklinton.....		
Sunlight, Franklinton.....	8,478.43	7,776.33
Sunny Hill, Mount Hermon.....		
Superior Avenue, Bogalusa.....	30,021.75	24,606.33
Thomas Baptist, Franklinton.....	3,437.64	4,280.52
Trinity, Franklinton.....	1,478.44	4,378.38
Victory, Franklinton.....	2,054.60	2,392.06
Westside Emmanuel, Bogalusa.....	4,241.45	4,102.78

Webster Claiborne Association	2019	2018
Antioch, Minden.....		
Beech Springs, Minden.....	9,219.01	13,138.90
Bistineau, Heflin.....	24,168.36	25,268.50
Calvary, Homer.....	15,074.00	16,363.00
Calvary, Springhill.....	7,650.60	7,167.87
Central, Springhill.....	70,416.71	59,583.33
Cornerstone, Cotton Valley.....		
Emmanuel, Arcadia.....	12,936.80	10,660.08
Emmanuel, Valley.....	16,122.83	18,884.13
FBC, Cotton Valley.....	3,318.75	2,807.21
Fellowship, Dubberly.....	353.09	596.98
First, Doyline.....	16,292.97	18,830.48
First, Haynesville.....	40,699.81	39,799.72

First, Homer.....	46,278.02	45,106.75
First, Minden.....	126,061.36	284,229.52
First, Sibley.....		
Fryeburg, Dubberly.....	8,682.42	7,600.27
Germantown, Minden.....	1,453.00	2,466.00
Gilgal, Minden.....	325.00	300.00
Hebron, Summerfield.....	960.00	1,000.00
Heflin, Heflin.....	31,835.13	30,329.87
Holly Springs, Homer.....	2,100.25	1,659.56
Midway, Sarepta.....	3,713.30	4,153.61
Mount Paran, Shongaloo.....	11,041.89	9,866.17
Mt Olive, Athens.....	3,600.00	3,600.00
New Hope, Homer.....		
New Sarepta, Sarepta.....	9,000.00	9,000.00
North Acres, Minden.....	26,887.68	22,540.48
Old Union, Shongaloo.....		1,300.00
Pilgrim's Rest, Doyline.....		
Pleasure Point, Homer.....	3,760.20	4,127.94
Rocky Springs, Lisbon.....	35,157.69	35,673.60
Ruple, Haynesville.....	686.35	710.21
Summerfield, Summerfield.....	125.00	575.00
Temple, Springhill.....	300.00	425.00
Union Springs, Shongaloo.....		
Unity, Cotton Valley.....	10,362.70	9,321.53
West Lake, Doyline.....	10,319.50	11,865.68

William Wallace Association	2019	2018
Bethany of Baywood, Clinton.....		
Bluff Creek, Clinton.....	23,844.00	22,995.00
Body of Christ, Baker.....		
Eastside, Zachary.....	3,071.00	3,124.00
Ethel, Ethel.....	13,926.76	10,065.60
Feliciana, Clinton.....	45,800.79	60,165.72
First, Baker.....	27,705.17	23,247.92
First, Clinton.....		
First, Jackson.....	21,580.30	20,388.37
First, Slaughter.....	2,636.29	7,054.93
First, St Francisville.....	55,826.98	62,999.73
First, Wilson.....	825.00	900.00
First, Zachary.....	291,349.00	306,433.00
Galilee, Zachary.....	49,486.13	51,910.13
Milldale, Zachary.....		175.00
Norwood, Norwood.....	23,836.85	25,213.42
Plank Road, Slaughter.....	2,200.00	2,200.00
Port Hudson, Jackson.....	1,500.00	1,500.00
Providence 1, Ethel.....		
Redwood, Slaughter.....	7,200.00	7,200.00
Sandy Creek, Pride.....	4,739.48	36,399.91
Second, Jackson.....	2,533.41	2,067.57
Tunica Hills, Tunica.....		
Wakefield, Wakefield.....	500.00	

Other Churches	2019	2018
Acme, Acme.....		
Berean Reformed, Jonesville.....	200.00	
Berean, Rayville.....		200.00
Bethel Church Now, Vidalia.....		
Chesbrough, Kentwood.....		
Cross Roads, Tullos.....		
CrossPoint, West Monroe.....	5,155.00	4,461.00
Dixie, Sieper.....	75.00	
Eastside, Ponchatoula.....	1,573.81	1,062.35
Friendship, Sikes.....		
Good Hope, Pineville.....		
Grace Community, Lake Charles.....		
Greater New Galilee, Baton Rouge.....		
Haven, Baton Rouge.....		
Heart of Worship, Pineville.....	500.00	600.00
House of Prayer, Baton Rouge.....		62.00
Indian Village Community, Calhoun.....	4,584.00	2,140.00
Mt Bethel, Baton Rouge.....	50.00	
New Beginnings, Mandeville.....		
New Hope, Slidell.....	200.00	120.00
New Life Community, Alexandria.....		
New Light, Natchitoches.....		
Oak Grove, LaCamp.....		
Plainview, Denham Springs.....		
Redeemer Church, Livingston.....		
Refuge Worship Center, Clinton.....		
Restoration Church, Donaldsonville.....		
Rock Island Missionary, Natchitoches.....		
Salvation Min of Jesus Christ, Baton Rouge.....		
Sycamore, Vidalia.....		
The Church of The Highlands, Baton Rouge.....		1,920.00
The Father's House, West Monroe.....		
The Gathering, Sulphur.....		
The Refuge, Shreveport.....	628.36	677.30
The Simple Church, Bossier City.....		
The Well, Monroe.....		
Victory, Plaquemine.....	3,055.20	2,962.42



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