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Suburban renewed after recent rebuild

By Brian Blackwell
Message Staff Writer

NEW ORLEANS (LBM) – On Feb. 7, 2017, an EF-3 tornado ripped apart the worship center and education building of the Suburban Baptist Church in New Orleans. But in 2019, the congregation has experienced a spiritual rebirth marked by nine baptisms, coinciding with the final repairs to the facilities.

“For the last two years I have been inwardly focused trying to rebuild what was destroyed by the tornado,” Pastor Jeffery Friend told the Baptist Message.

“God sent a mighty army of volunteers from across the country to rebuild our church and I knew the least we can do was to fill our buildings again for Him.”

“People have been inviting others to worship services and the neighborhood has been curious about what was happening as teams came in to

rebuild,” he continued. “Many folks have known our church’s facilities were destroyed by the tornado. They wanted to see what the progress looked like on the inside. We took advantage of their curiosity and have seen God work in great ways.”

Suburban Baptist Church averaged 200 people in Sunday morning worship before the tornado reduced that number to 30. However, the congregation refused to disband and used the facilities at Gentilly Baptist Church and the New Orleans Baptist Association

office, both about 7 miles from Suburban Baptist Church, for services until out-of-state mission teams completed the congregation’s worship center in late July 2017.

The education building was finished in early July 2019.

Friend said that while



Pastor Jeffery Friend baptized a young man inside the Suburban Baptist Church worship center.



Submitted photo

A team member, assisted by a translator, shared the Gospel with a Brazilian during a mission trip in July.

1,835 new Brazilian believers!

By Brian Blackwell
Message Staff Writer

MONTES CARLOS, Brazil (LBM) – A 56-member mission team recently honored the memory of former Louisiana Baptists Director of Evangelism Wayne Jenkins with a nearly two-week mission trip to his beloved Brazil.

Jenkins, who previously led 34 mission trips to Brazil, took his final mission trip to that country in July 2018 before his death Nov. 13 after a lengthy battle with cancer. His son-in-law, David Denton, said Jenkins’ love for the Brazilian people was felt by the team members who participated in the trip, July 5-16, in Montes Carlos, Brazil.

“It was an emotional trip, in some aspects, but God was gracious and the trip went smoothly,” said Denton, pastor of Highland Baptist Church in New Iberia and coordinator of the trip. “We



Members of a Louisiana-led mission team prayed with Brazilians. By the end of their mission trip, 1,835 new converts had turned to Christ.

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Refugees, immigrants mean big money for charities

By Will Hall
Message Editor

BALTIMORE, Md. (LBM) – While the crisis at the U.S. southern border and civil wars around the

world have stretched thin governmental resources that provide shelter and other basics of humanitarian aid, faith groups, which are considered essential service providers both in

this country and abroad, have seen their budgets boom with government grants and contracts.

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Believers from page one

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miss Mr. Wayne. But he and (his wife) Mrs. Martha loved the Brazilian people and were instrumental in helping people catch a vision for partnership missions. Mrs. Martha continues to be an important part of the work there. Beyond the Walls remains focused on the same objective of sharing the life transforming message of God's grace

in Christ."

The Louisiana Baptist-led mission team partnered with Beyond the Walls – a Louisiana-based ministry that, according to its Facebook page, equips and enables groups to travel overseas for the purpose of serving others – and saw 1,835 Brazilians turn to Christ during the annual evangelism outreach.

The U.S. group, comprising individuals from Louisiana, Texas, North Carolina, Florida, Alabama, California and Utah, joined Brazilian Baptists to construct two churches, operate medical and dental clinics, hold Vacation Bible Schools, conduct street evangelism, share Christ during in-home visits and give drama presentations in schools and outdoor venues.

John Galey, pastor of Poydras Baptist Church in Saint Bernard, shared the Gospel in homes throughout Montes Carlos. During one in-home visit, Galey encountered a man who believed he was destined for Hell because of a personal habit.

"His friend had planted Gospel seeds into his life for a long time and had prayed that someone would come along and lead him to Christ," Galey recalled. "When I asked the man if he was going to Heaven, he told me no because he was a smoker. I then replied that while I would never encourage anyone to smoke, it is 'not believing in Christ' that is the reason for going to Hell. I then led him through a prayer to accept the Lord."

Craig Beeman, pastor of the First Baptist

Church in Winnsboro, was moved to tears after preaching at the service to dedicate a new worship center at the First Baptist Church at St. John of the Bridge, a facility the construction team built in less than five days. When Beeman issued an invitation to accept Christ, four people came forward to repent of their sins and put their trust in Jesus.

"Truly this year, we were continuing the work God led Brother Wayne Jenkins to begin," Beeman said. "By the end of the week, our construction crew, along with some Brazilian nationals, built a brand new building with a tin roof that sat on the top of a hill in view of a large portion of the town. A permanent worship building was constructed that week for a loving congregation that is about the business of Kingdom work.

"I shall never forget the emotion of the dedication service," he continued. "The people were so thankful. Eagles for Christ, a Christian motorcycle club, even showed up from two hours away in Montes Claros to help celebrate.

"There is absolutely nothing like seeing people choose to follow Christ," he said. "I pray that each of us, as children of God, will not give up on sharing the good news. It truly changes lives."

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Skills of Louisiana Church Planters

By John Hebert
Missions & Ministry

I am an avid sports fan. Basketball, golf, football, baseball – it doesn't matter, I love them all.

One of the most fascinating things for me about athletics is the skill levels of players. Some are gifted physically, blessed with height and a big body frame, for example. But, they are not necessarily the top performers in their sport because they do not possess the same level of skills of the great players.

Take basketball for example. If it just took physicality, every tall and strong person could play in the NBA. But obviously, that is not the case. The NBA has its share of big players, but these men have honed their skills in shooting,



John Hebert

dribbling, passing and rebounding in ways few have mastered.

In football there are positions filled by "skilled players" – quarterbacks, running backs, wide receivers, field goal kickers (people who put points on the board) and punters (guys who keep the other team on the other side of the field). They are "specialists" who have developed unique skill sets in order to make a team.

In his biography, legendary coach Paul "Bear" Bryant made some key observations about the differences between natural physical characteristics and learned abilities.

"Players can be divided roughly, into four types: Those who have ability and know it; those who have ability and don't know it; those who don't have it and know it; and, those

who don't have it and don't know it," he said.

"The great ones, anybody can coach," he added. "The one that makes you proud is the one who isn't good enough to play, but it means so much. He puts so much into it, (skills mastery) that he plays anyway. I have a lot of those, and I can coach them better than most. The ones who have ability and don't use it are the ones who eat your guts out."

["Bear: The Hard Life and Good Times of Alabama's Coach"]

I have been state director of missions as well as team leader for missions and ministries for the Louisiana Baptist Convention for the past eight years, and, I have been involved in church planting as an LBC strategist for the past 20 years. Prior to coming to the Convention I was a pastor for many years.

In all my experiences I've noticed a huge similarity among ministers,



especially church planters, in terms of what Coach Bryant wrote about in the area of skills and skill development.

There are those who possess the skills of successful ministry and know it because they've been diligent to develop those skills. Yet, at the same time, there are those who have the skills and could not list the skill set. But if you talked to them they could describe practices that they do instinctively. In other words, they do

not even know they have the skill.

This also holds true for pastors in terms of applying the rest of Coach Bryant's quote.

My point is this: whether playing sports or planting churches, there are definite skills that have to be learned in order to be successful. The same is true of pastors.

What are the necessary skills to be successful in ministry?

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In the recently published CP mid-year report, the headers indicating the years were accidentally transposed. The 2018 column was incorrectly identified as the 2019 column and visa-versa.

The numbers in the columns are correct, only the headers were transposed.

We apologize for the error and the confusion.

Also note the 2019 gifts printed reflect contributions received from January 1, 2019 - June 30, 2019. Due to a change in our record keeping procedure, if your December contribution was not received prior to December 31, 2018, it was attributed to your 2019 total.

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Refugees from page one

The most extreme example of this growth industry is the Catholic Relief Services, the humanitarian arm of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. In 10 years the organization has grown from receiving \$361,186 in government contracts and grants within revenues of \$599,258 (which included \$126,822 in noncash donations) to \$516.7 million in government grants and contracts (or more than 68 percent) of cash revenues

of \$755.9 million (with another nearly \$282 million in noncash contributions).

Sean Callahan, president of Catholic Relief Services, earned \$497,416 in compensation for 2017-2018, according to the group's latest IRS Form 990, nearly as much as the entire budget from a decade earlier. The remaining 10 paid officers and executives for CRS received an average compensation of \$209,288, while the other 6,895 employees averaged

\$38,292 in salaries, other compensation and benefits. The group reported 992 volunteers served without pay.

Meanwhile, BCFS Health and Human Services, which started as a children's home in 1944 known as Baptist Child & Family Services in San Antonio, Texas, more than doubled the nearly \$136 million in government grants and contracts it received in 2015-2016, receiving \$287.9 million in 2016-2017, or nearly 97 percent of its \$297.6 million cash revenues (which were augmented with \$1 million in noncash donations).

Kevin Dinnin, chairman of the BCFSHHS board of directors, was compensated a total of \$502,614, and nine other directors and executives received an average of \$218,165 for the same period. The 3,904 other employees averaged \$42,621, and were assisted by 4,771 non-paid volunteers.

World Vision is another faith-based behemoth in humanitarian assistance.

In 2006-2007, the inter-

national aid agency reported a cash budget of \$548.1 million, with government funding making up \$220.2 million of that amount.

However, in 2016-2017 the organization recorded cash revenues of \$751.8 million, with government money composing \$302.4 million, about 40 percent of cash contributions. Meanwhile, noncash gifts dropped from \$400.5 million to \$282 million.

World Vision President Richard Stearns earned \$534,505, with his 19 fellow paid officers and executives earning, on average, \$217,974. The remaining 1,113 World Vision employees were compensated \$86,708 each. Worldwide, 56,035 volunteers contributed their time and effort for free.

Three other large faith-based aid groups include the Church World Service (which claims 20 member denominations), World Relief, which is an agency of the National Association of Evangelicals, and the Lutheran Immigrant and Refugee Service. Each are heavily dependent on gov-

ernment grants and contracts in their respective budgets (2016-2017 data):

Cash Revenues

CWS: \$91 million

WR: \$72 million

LIRS: \$49 million

Government Funds (percentage of cash revenues)

CWS: \$68 million (75)

WR: \$51 million (71)

LIRS: \$45 million (92)

The Daily Caller, a conservative American news and opinion website based in Washington, D.C., reported that the BCFS has become the largest provider to the U.S. government for services to child immigrants who are part of the massive influx of mostly Central Americans crossing the U.S. southern border.

Meanwhile, World Relief has reported the closing of at least six of its 20 resettlement offices in the United States -- five (Baltimore, Md., Boise, Idaho, Columbus, Ohio, Miami, Fla., Nashville, Tenn.) in 2017 because of a cap on bringing in overseas refugees and the sixth (Jacksonville,

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Grawood Baptist offers rest and Hope through bed ministry

By Brian Blackwell
Message Staff Writer

SHREVEPORT – More than 150 members of Grawood Baptist Church gathered after Sunday morning worship, May 19, to build 60 beds for needy children in the Shreveport-Bossier City area.

Some assembled the beds while others served food or watched the children of members constructing the beds in less than three hours for the Bossier Parish chapter of the non-profit organization Sleep In Heavenly Peace.

According to its website, Sleep In Heavenly Peace was founded in 2012 and its motto is “No kid sleeps on the floor in our town.” Volunteers built

4,144 beds last year for children across the U.S.

Grawood Pastor Chris Willcutt said was he thrilled to see his members display a spirit of oneness to reach the Kingdom.

“From a pastor’s heart that makes me excited,” Willcutt said. “The greatest commandment of all is to love God and love others. Over the years as leadership we tried to pour out to our congregation that we need to love others. What they do for each other tends to trickle out to the community for others. I am seeing that going out into the community.”

Members raised nearly \$20,000 to build the beds. The largest fundraiser was through a gun raffle and

clay shoot that was hosted by the church’s men’s ministry May 11.

Throughout the summer, participants of the men’s and women’s ministry will forgo their usual Wednesday evening meetings and instead, during that time, deliver the beds to families. Other groups within the church also plan to participate other nights of the week.

“A goal of our church is to build community with each other,” Willcutt said. “Many times the deliveries will present themselves with a chance to share the Gospel.”

“It’s a really cool opportunity because you get to go in and see these kids who don’t have much of anything,” he said. “You get to go in and interact with the family. Not just as a pastor but as a believer in Christ, it is such an awesome experience to love on them and tell them we aren’t asking for church

attendance but that God loves and is watching over you.”

The congregation provides Bibles and prays with the children and their families. The team also shares the Gospel as opportunities arise, Willcutt said. The ministry is in its early stages, but he is training members to share Christ and he emphasizes with them to be ready because meeting a need is a stepping stone to presenting the Gospel.

Clint McCullough, a member of Grawood Baptist who first proposed

the idea to Willcutt and other church leaders, said God has received much glory through the effort.

“From the beginning our church has gotten on board with this idea,” McCullough said. “We had an awesome show of unity as we raised the money and got closer to the day when we got together to build the beds. Many times it is easy to just stay inside our own walls, but having something like this that challenges us to do for others is hard to put into words. It’s the church being the church.”

Refugees from page four

Fla.) this year after learning the country was on pace to admit fewer than 30,000 overseas refugees. During 2016-2017, World Relief had invested heavily in support to overseas refugees brought to the United States, raising and spending \$38.5 million on resettle-

ment efforts, including ESL training and immigration legal services as well as technical assistance for 52 church-based programs to qualify them with the U.S. government as direct providers of immigration legal services in their respective communities.


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Suburban from page one

Sunday morning worship attendance has not reached its pre-tornado level, the congregation has regrown to nearly 120 people.

"This is a restart because nearly everyone left and few have returned," Friend said. "What God has been doing is not leading most of the former members to come back, but, more so, got us ready to welcome the new folks into our fellowship."

Friend said his congregation has embraced the importance of reaching their neighborhood with the Gospel.

The church hosts weekly discipleship groups for men, women and married couples. Some members also visit nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

"Our people are meeting throughout the community and as a teacher, it is always good to see the students doing what



Submitted photo

Suburban Baptist Pastor Jeffery Friend was surrounded by new converts who proudly displayed baptism certificates and new Bibles. Friend has baptized nine of his members this year to coincide with a spiritual rebirth the New Orleans congregation has experienced after two years of rebuilding facilities damaged by a tornado.

they were taught," he said. "They are showing me what I was teaching

was learned and put into practice. That's how we are growing the Subur-

ban family, one Christ follower at a time."

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ReGroup to revive Sunday school, small group discipleship

By Staff
Baptist Message

HAUGHTON, La. (LBM) -- Louisiana Baptists will learn how to fine tune their discipleship strategies during the upcoming ReGroup Conference.

Scheduled for Aug. 17 simultaneously at the First Baptist Church in Haughton and the Trinity Baptist Church in Lakes Charles, the ReGroup Conference will focus on four areas of the ReGroup Strategy – sharing the

Gospel, developing biblical community, helping believers mature spiritually and equipping believers to live missionally.

“The ReGroup Conference is planned for the lay leader who leads a Sunday school class, discipleship study or small group,” Sean Keith, Sunday school and adult strategist for Louisiana Baptists, told the Baptist Message. “We recruit the best trainers from around the country to inspire and equip you to serve God faithfully and effec-



tively. The churches best strategy to make disciples is through Sunday school and small groups.”

Johnny Hunt, senior vice president of evangelism and leadership with the North American Mission Board, will be the keynote speaker at First Haughton. Ken Weathersby, vice president for convention advancement with the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, will headline the event at Trinity.

The ReGroup Conference also will feature a

track for Hispanic pastors and church members, under the direction of Carlos Schmidt, the Hispanic catalytic church planting strategist for Louisiana Baptists.

Registration at both events starts at 8:00 a.m. At each, the general session will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the conference will end at 3:00 pm. The

cost to attend is \$25.

For more information, visit www.louisianabaptists.org/event/2019-ReGroup-Conference-North/ for the conference at FBC Haughton and www.louisianabaptists.org/event/2019-ReGroup-Conference-South/ for the conference at Trinity Baptist Church in Lake Charles.

Church Planting from page 3

For years, our church planting team has worked with assessment tools to help us predict the success of would-be church planters in Louisiana.

Some possess these skills and know they have them. At the same time, some don't have the needed abilities, and they know it.

But, skills can be learned by those who have the drive to master them.

The call of God is by far the most important thing in the life of a pastor or church planter. But after

you are called, what you learn is very important. There are very few ministers who can lead without training.

My goal is to write about the skills of successful church planters -- and not just for church planters and pastors.

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Louisiana Baptist Convention seeks resolutions, nominees

ALEXANDRIA (LBM) -- Louisiana Baptists are invited to recommend candidates for service on state convention boards and committees, and, are asked to submit resolutions for possible consideration by messengers at the 2019 Louisiana Baptist Convention.

COMMITTEES

The Louisiana Baptist Committee on Committees is conducting its work, Sept. 7, to nominate persons to serve on

various state convention committees. Currently, 17 nominees are needed for service on committees, including: Credentials; Moral and Social Concerns; Nominations; Order of Business; and, Resolutions.

Nominees for committees should be sent to Keith Sheridan, pastor of Lee's Creek Baptist Church in Bogalusa, who is the Committee on Committees chair. Recommendations should be sent to him not later than Aug. 16 via email, pastor.keiths@gmail.com, or through the U.S. Mail: 1803 Lee's Creek Church Road, Bogalusa, LA 70427.

BOARDS

The LBC Committee on Nominations is beginning its work to fill vacancies on state boards. At this point, 32 nominees are

needed to serve on the LBC Executive Board and as trustees of Louisiana College, the Children's Home and Family Ministries, the Baptist Message, and the Baptist Foundation.

The Committee on Nominations chair is Lonnie Wascom, a member of the Crossroads Church in Hammond. Nominees should be sent to him not later than Aug. 16, either electronically, lwascom@bellsouth.net, or to this address: 702 Rue Cannes, Hammond, LA 70403.

BOTH

Please submit the candidate's name and identify the committee or board for which you are nominating him or her. Include the nominee's church membership and current employment.

Not more than two

members from any church may serve on all boards and committees, combined, at any one time. Likewise, no more than one member of the same church may serve on the same board or committee, at any one time.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions may be submitted for review and consideration not more than 90 days and not fewer than 15 days prior to the LBC annual meeting, Nov. 11-12, providing a window of opportunity from Aug. 13 through Oct. 27.

The first Committee on Resolutions meeting is scheduled for Sept. 19.

Resolutions should be typewritten, titled and dated, and, accompanied by a letter --from a church qualified to send a messenger to the annual meeting of the Louisiana Baptist

Convention--certifying that the person submitting the resolution is a member in good standing. The letter should include complete contact information for both the person submitting it and his or her church.

No person may submit more than three resolutions per year.

Steve McAlister, Westside, Natchitoches, is the Committee on Resolutions chair.

Proposed resolutions may be faxed, 318.449.4287, emailed, Policy@LouisianaBaptists.org, or mailed (ATTN: Resolutions Committee, LBC Office of Public Policy, P. O. Box 311, Alexandria, LA 71309).

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SBC lawmaker fails in third attempt to impeach President Trump

By Will Hall

Message Executive Editor

WASHINGTON (LBM) — U.S. Rep. Al Green (D-Houston) lost in his July 16 attempt to impeach President Trump by a vote of 332-95 to table the issue.

It was Green's third such attempt.

He previously introduced articles of impeachment in December 2017, when Republicans controlled the House, and again in March of this year with House Democrats in control. Both times he was soundly defeated.

On Wednesday, 137 Democrats voted to kill Green's resolution and 95 supported it.

He is listed as the lone Southern Baptist Democrat serving in the U.S. House of Representatives. The Baptist Press, the news service of the Southern Baptist Convention, previously reported Green is a member of Cullen Missionary Baptist Church in Houston.

Green's complaints against the president cited Trump's tweets (which were condemned as "racist" in a separate House resolution vote largely along political party lines) against four congresswomen, and accused the president of bringing "the high office of the president of the United States in contempt, ridicule, disgrace and disrepute" causing "discord among the people of the United States."

His two other attempts accused the president of causing racial tensions.

Green is not the lone high-visibility Southern Baptist to strongly oppose the president. Other high-profile SBC figures who opposed Trump's election or declared themselves "Never Trumpers" include:

-- Al Mohler, president, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and, council member, The Gospel Coalition (a neo-Calvinist group)

-- Danny Akin, president, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, and, council member, The Gospel Coalition

-- Russell Moore, president, Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission, and,

council member, The Gospel Coalition

-- Mark Dever, pastor, Capitol Hill Baptist Church, Washington, D.C., and, council member (emeritus), The Gospel Coalition

-- Thabiti Anyabwile (formerly Ron Burns, who converted to Islam and re-converted to Christianity, but kept his adopted Muslim name), pastor, Anacostia River Church, Washington, D.C., and, council member, The Gospel Coalition

-- Dwight McKissic, pastor, Cornerstone Baptist Church, Arlington, Texas

-- Beth Moore, best-selling LifeWay author of books and Bible studies

-- Denny Burk, professor, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

Berkley, California, becomes no 'man' land

BERKLEY, Calif. (LBM) — In the 1960s, Berkley, California, was known as the epicenter of the countercultural revolution. In 2019, the city has become the center of a movement to ban gender-specific language, including the word "manhole" which must now be referred to as a "maintenance hole" because of an ordinance passed July 23.

The move will replace all gendered language from the municipal code, according to the measure's sponsor Rigel Robinson, a 23-year-old councilman and recent graduate of U.C. Berkley, in an effort to avoid bias against non-binary persons (those who do not identify as either male or female).

City manager Dee Williams-Ridley concurred with the measure, explaining in a memorandum to the council that the "broadening societal awareness of transgender and gender-nonconforming identities has brought to light the importance of non-binary, gender inclusivity."

"Firemen" will be referred to instead as "firefighters," and, "policemen" will be addressed as "police officers."

References to women will be abolished as well:

CULTURAL NEWS

"Pregnant woman" will become "pregnant employee."

Likewise, all pronouns which identify the sex of a person will be changed: "He" and "she" will be replaced with "they" and "them," for example, according to a chart included in the ordinance.

In 2018, the California Assembly attempted to make the language in state policies and regulations gender-neutral, but the measure did not make it through the legislative process.

Trump profanes God's name, twice

GREENVILLE, N.C. (LBM) — During a July 17 campaign rally in Greenville, North Carolina, President Trump cursed twice, invoking God's

name both times, while speaking to supporters in Minges Coliseum on the campus of Eastern Carolina University.

Afterward, most mainstream media outlets took issue with a "send her back" chant by the crowd, directed at U.S. Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-Minnesota), after Trump criticized anti-Semitic comments she has made and other statements in which she minimized the 911 terrorist attacks by Muslim extremists.

However, at least a few attentive viewers took issue with the president's use of foul language that demeaned God. Trump used the offensive phrase, first, while telling an anecdote about a businessman who reluctantly conceded he was prospering because of the president's economic policies, and a second time while describing the outcome of a hypothetical military strike against Iran.

Criticism lit up social

media.

But a West Virginia lawmaker took the matter to heart and wrote a formal letter to respectfully express being appalled that the president "chose to use the Lord's name in vain."

Paul Hardesty, a state senator, is a faithful Free-will Baptist who lives in Holden, West Virginia, according to one source close to him.

In the letter, he described himself as "a very conservative Democrat here in the southern West Virginia coalfields" as well as "a Trump supporter" in 2016 and going forward.

Writing that there "is NO place" for use of "that type of language," he asked the president to "examine yourself, reflect on your comments, and never utter those words again."

"Please remember Mr. President," Hardesty continued, "in the United States of America, 'In God We Trust,' not curse."

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ON THE MOVE

■ **Breanna Allen** is the news children's director at First Baptist Church, Vivian.
■ **Jason Shawley** is the new senior pastor at Angie Baptist Church, Angie. His first Sunday was May 5.
■ **Matt (wife Sarah) Tyson** is the new Executive pastor/business administrator at Summer Grove Baptist Church, Shreveport.

HOMECOMING

■ Hebron Baptist Church, Summerfield: **171st Annual Homecoming Celebration**, August 4, 10 a.m. There will be dinner on the grounds after the worship service. Guest Speaker: **Randy Brown**. There will also be special music.
■ First Baptist Church, Greensburg: **153rd Homecoming Celebration**, August 11, 9:15 a.m. (Sunday school); 10:30 a.m. (Worship). Dinner on the grounds will follow the worship service. Speaker: **Joey Bennett**. Worship Leader: **Ivy Butler**. Pianist: **Ann Butler**. If you have any questions or need directions please call 225-222-6580, First Baptist Church, 6260 Hwy 10, Greensburg, LA. Everyone is welcome.

REVIVAL

■ Holloway Baptist Church, Deville:

Four Sunday Nights in August Revival, August 4, 11, 18, 25, 6 p.m. nightly. August 4 – **Youth Night**. Speaker: **Evan Norris**; August 11 – **Back to School Night**. Speaker: **Sam West**; August 18 – **Family Night**. Speaker: **Herb Dickerson**; August 25 – **Senior Citizen's Night**. Speaker: **Richard Hebert**. Special Music Leader: **Richard Hebert**. For more information, call Jack West at 318.451.3691 or visit our website www.hollowaybaptistchurch.com. Pastor: Jack West.

■ Social Springs Baptist Church, Ringgold: Revival, August 4-7. Evangelist: **Scotty McDowell**, chalk artist. Pastor: James Hester.

■ **Fourth Annual Progressive 5 Church Revival**, August 4 – 8; Sunday 6 p.m. Oak Hill Baptist Church, Speaker: **Ken Ronaghan**. Pastor: Andy Myrick. Monday 7 p.m. New Friendship Baptist Church, Speaker: **Andy Myrick**. Pastor: Todd Wooden. Tuesday 7 p.m. Bonita Baptist Church, Speaker: **Todd Wooden**. Pastor: Ken Ronaghan. Wednesday 7 p.m. Horseshoe Baptist Church, Speaker: **Luther Sanson**. Pastor: Bob Lonadier. Thursday 7 p.m. Twin Oaks Baptist Church, Speaker: **Bob Lonadier**. Pastor: Luther Sanson.

■ Summerville Baptist Church, Olla: Revival, August 8-10. Evangelist: **Scotty McDowell**, chalk artist.

■ Richey Baptist Church, Deville: Revival, August 11-14, Evangelist: **Scotty McDowell**, chalk artist. Pastor: Grady Dodge.

■ Beaugard Memorial Baptist Church, Longville: **Family Crusade**, August 11-14. Evangelist: **2TALK42 Ministries**. Pastor: Jimmy Clark.

■ Pine Ridge Baptist Church, DeRidder: **Revival**, August 11-14. Evangelist: **Mackey Willis Family**. Pastor: Doug Mitchell.

LAGNIAPPE

■ First Baptist Churchm Houghton: Dedication of H.M. Prothro Ministry Center, August 11, following the morning worship service. Bro. Prothro was the pastor at Houghton Baptist Church for 41 years. The building being dedicated was built in 1962 as the new sanctuary however since 2007 it has served as the chapel, after construction of a 1200 seat worship center and education space. After an extensive remodel, the building will now house eight Life Group (Sunday School) rooms capable of holding 250-300 people. Pastor: Gevan Spinney.

■ Gulf Coast Baptist Church, Golden Meadow: The church is **in need of a new or used (in good working order) refrigerator and also a separate freezer to help store more cold and frozen food for the church's newest ministry "Feeding Lafourche" food bank**. Call 985.258.0988 or email gcbcla@gmail.com. Pastor: Shane Terrebonne.

■ Cooper Baptist Church in Leesville is in need of a **bi-vocational youth minister**. Please send résumés by email cooperbaptistchurch@yahoo.com if you feel led to apply. If you know of a person who might be interested in applying for this position please let them know. Pastor: Edgar Evans Sr.

■ New Zion Baptist Church, Covington: **Mercy Malt-Shop women's conference**, August 3, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Speaker: **Cindi Wood**, author of the **Frazzled Female series**. Call the church office at 985.892.4711 to register (required). Pastor: Clark Stewart.

■ Good Hope Baptist Church, Anacoco: **Paul's Journey in concert**, August 3, 6 p.m. A love offering will be taken. Pastor: Michael Goins.

■ First Baptist Church, Pine Prairie: **Benefit Prayer Ride for Pastor Dan-**

iel Holsomback, August 3, 8 a.m. All motorcycles, jeeps, convertibles, antique cars, hot rods, anyone will meet at First Pine Prairie (1627 Clark Street, Pine Prairie, LA 70576). Cost: \$20 for rider, \$5 for co-rider, lunch included. There will be a silent auction. If you don't want to ride but wish to help and enjoy lunch - \$5. There will be a prayer rally at noon at First Pine Prairie. Ride will cover 65 estimated miles. Pastor: Daniel Holsomback.

■ Freedom Baptist Church, Pitkin: **Paul's Journey in concert**, August 4, 11 a.m. A love offering will be taken. Pastor: Jeff James.

■ Pine Grove Baptist Church, Ruby: **Southern Plainsmen in Concert**, August 4, 11 a.m. A potluck fellowship will follow worship service. Pastor: Brent Romero.

■ Cypress Baptist Church, Benton: **Tim Hawkins live with Bob Smiley**, August 10, 7 p.m. Tickets: : <https://timhawkins.brushfire.com/events/446862>. Pastor: John Fream.

■ North Monroe Baptist Church, Monroe: **21st Annual Jennifer Robertson Memorial Praise Fest**, August 10, 6 p.m. Cost: Free. Praise Fest will once again be a Gaither style concert. Anyone wishing to sing in the choir is asked to attend a practice on Saturday, August 10 at North Monroe Baptist Church at 9:30 a.m. Special Guests: **Rick Brewer, Blessed Assurance, Brothers in Christ, Jessica Bryan, Jan Harbuck, Ellen and Kevin Oswell, Southern Grace, Southern Revelation, Victoria Pierce, Randy Waggoner, Kathy Overturf, Tim Post, Mike Freeman, Peaches Brown, Sanctuary Quartet, Mike Loveday, Oden Family, Lee and Mary Ann Haynes, Darrell Robertson, Richard Ainsworth, Chad Tingle, Jimmy Coughran, Becky Beezley, The Praise Fest Choir**. A love offering will be received and monies collected will

be deposited into the Jennifer Robertson Memorial Scholarship Fund at Louisiana College.

■ Mt Pleasant Baptist Church, Columbia: **The New Speer Family in Concert**, August 11, 1 p.m. Pastor: Jerry Hendrixson.

■ Calvary Baptist Church, Homer: **Summer Gospel Celebration**, August 11, 6 p.m. Special Music: **Sanctuary Quartet in concert followed by a watermelon cutting**. Pastor: Steve Beard.

■ Amite Baptist Church, Denham Springs: **The Forge**, August 16-17, Speaker: **Eddie Briery**. This associational youth event is for students sixth through 12th grade. Pastor: Michael Luce.

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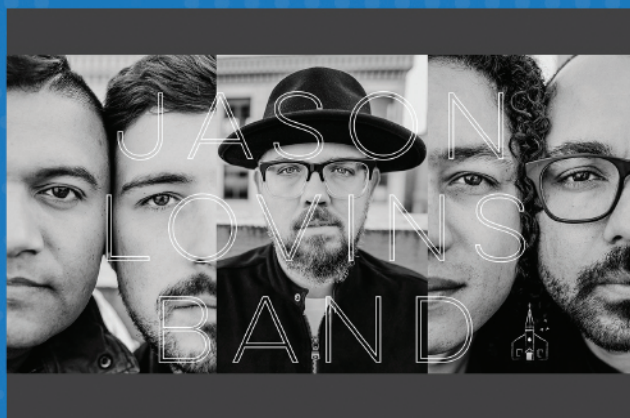
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