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GBO fuels rocket scientist's church planting efforts



Kingdom Life Fellowship Pastor Clifton Arnold

By Brian Blackwell
Message Staff Writer

HOUMA – NASA's Clifton Arnold is a rocket scientist with a successful formula for church planting.

"You get them in the door with music, you keep them in the house with teaching," Arnold, who planted Kingdom Life Fellowship in Houma in

2016, told the *Baptist Message*. "People go to churches where they like their worship style and their teaching is solid."

When he is not preaching at Kingdom Life Fellowship, Arnold manages four NASA rocket propulsion test sites – at Stennis Space Center in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama,

Glenn Research Center in Cleveland, Ohio, and Plum Brook Station in Sandusky, Ohio.

While working on projects to reach the planets and the stars, he uses opportunities to discuss creation and Heaven with those he meets in the space industry.

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The 130-person mission team took part in a medical clinic, street evangelism, VBS, drama, sports clinics, and construction projects.



A construction team built a church in Pouso Alegre, Brazil, as part of the annual evangelism outreach in the country July 6-17.



Craig Beeman, pastor of First Baptist, Winnsboro, presented an evangelistic message with the assistance of his interpreter Daniel Viera.

After 60 years, Doyle Adams still preaching

By Holly Jo Linzay
Regional Reporter

MANGHAM – Pastor Doyle L. Adams knew at age 19 God's call on his life was irrevocable.

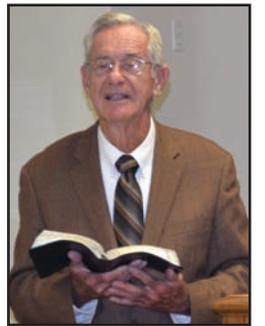
"My belief is that God called me, and He called me for a lifetime," said Adams, who at age 79, does not have any plans to retire from the pulpit.

For the last 60 years, Adams, the pastor of Lone Cherry Baptist Church in Mangham, has established a history of faithful preaching and caring pastoring, and recently was honored for his long-time service in both, with a special plaque from the Louisiana Baptist Pastoral Leadership team and special recognition by the Richland Baptist Association.

Bill Robertson, Louisiana Baptist pastoral leadership director, said he has known Adams for more than 40 years.

"Bro. Doyle Adams is a wonderful, faithful servant of the Lord, and he has quite a legacy. Churches have prospered under his leadership, and he is still going strong," Robertson said, adding Adams has sacrificed and sown into some smaller churches that had been without a pastor.

With more than six decades of min-



Pastor Doyle Adams

3,212 saved in Brazil

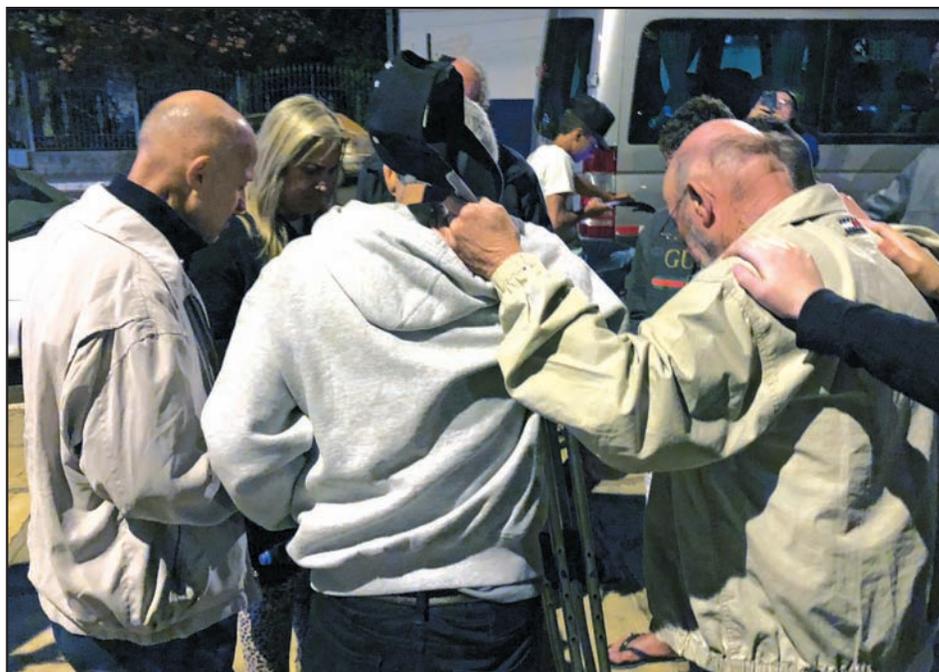
By Brian Blackwell
Message Staff Writer

POUSO ALEGRE, Brazil – A Louisiana Baptist-led mission team took the 2018 statewide Harvest emphasis international, resulting in 3,212 Brazilians repenting for salvation in July.

"Numbers matter because they mean people," said Deanne Denton, a trip coordinator and member of Highland Baptist Church in New Iberia. "Numbers mean changed lives. Numbers on this trip mean churches in that area can take those contacts of people who accepted Christ and follow up with the new believers through the year. That is always amazing to see because the people are very responsive."

Denton was among 130 men and women who were on mission in Pouso Alegre, Brazil, as a part of an evangelism outreach in the country July 6-17.

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Mission team members gathered in a circle to pray for God's guidance during their mid-July trip to Brazil. While there, the team saw 3,212 people come to accept Christ.

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Sarah Bartnick photo

Seventy-nine-year-old Doyle Adams has spent the last 60 years pastoring a number of different churches in Richland Parish. Currently, he pastors Lone Cherry Baptist Church in Mangham.

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istry under his [Bible] belt, Adams has experienced his share of successes and challenges on a number of levels. But, he said, regardless he was doing what God called him to do.

He grew up in the country, and accepted Christ as his Savior during a summer youth revival at Mangham Baptist Church. After graduating high school, he worked for two years in San Diego, California for a company that built supersonic jets.

“While out there, that’s when God really began talking to me and calling me,” Adams

recalled.

Ironically, at that same time, Adams was laid off from his job and returned home.

“I got to my house, and was laying down on the bed, with my feet hanging off one side, and my head hanging off the other side, and I said, ‘Lord, if you want me to preach, I’ll preach,’” Adams said about the definitive moment.

That very night, he was asked to preach at an upcoming youth event.

“I wasn’t raised in church, and didn’t hardly know how to spell the word Bible. But on April 27, 1958, I preached from Proverbs 3:5-6. I had three weeks to prepare, and I preached from a three page, single-space typed written message. I was then like I am now, nervous as nervous can be, until I get started preaching. Then the Holy Spirit takes over,” Adams said, adding that after that first sermon he started preaching regularly in various churches.

He enrolled in Louisiana College in Pineville, and earned his bachelor’s degree in Bible studies. It was at LC where Adams met his future bride, Sue, who was majoring in math.

Adams was a sophomore and was riding in a friend’s car back to LC, when they spotted two girls walking on campus wearing freshmen beanie caps.

“As a sophomore, we could tell the freshmen what to do when wearing the beanies. We told them to hop in the car. Sue was the most beautiful girl on the face of the earth,” Adams said, getting choked up with the memory.

The two started dating, and were married in 1961. While attending LC, Adams preached in area churches and worked several part-time jobs. He taught sports to middle-school students at the YMCA and worked weekends on construction jobs and digging ditches.

To help pay his tuition, Adams also served LC students family-style meals in the cafeteria.

The night before his wedding to Sue, Adams got a surprise bachelor party send off from all the male students in Tudor Hall, his dorm.

“I was in the phone booth on the third floor, dressed in my pajamas, talking to Sue on the phone. All the men came and dragged me from the phone booth, and the phone was left dangling in Sue’s ear,” Adams laughingly recalled.

He said the guys carried him to a car, and his feet never touched the ground, not until they got to Fort Buhlow.

“They threw me in the lake, and then everyone ran. I got out of the water, dripping with mud, and jumped onto the hood of a car, holding on to

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Some remained in Brazil two additional days to see the country.

While there, the teams participated in street evangelism, Vacation Bible Schools, drama performances, sports clinics, cooking demonstrations, construction of churches and a school, and conducted medical, dental and eye clinics. The mission group included other volunteers from Florida, North Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Utah.

Denton said there were some ups and downs during the mission trip, but God was in control of it all.

On the one hand, a week before the trip only seven translators had been secured for the entire group, well short of the goal. However, an additional 20 translators were signed up just days before the team's arrival in Brazil.

On the other hand, the medical team had a surplus of volunteers, so a group of medical students scheduled to work in the clinics were redeployed.

"Some of those students found themselves not as busy, but they were flexible and chose to minister in a different way," Denton said. "The medical students went

into the neighborhood and knocked on doors to win people to the Lord."

YES TO JESUS

Craig Beeman, pastor of First Baptist Church in Winnsboro, said his first mission trip to Brazil reminded him that people need God in Louisiana and around the world. He witnessed the power of that concept first hand when he shared Christ with someone in a city park.

When Beeman first asked if he was a Christian, the young man said, "Yes." But he was contradicted by a buddy who told Beeman the fellow was not a believer and that he needed Jesus.

"I was shocked that his friend basically shared the young man had just lied to me," Beeman said. "So, I pressed him and asked if having Jesus in control of his life and having his sins forgiven was something he wanted to do. He said, 'Yes.' I then shared with him we have to somehow tell God that is what we want Him to do. I shared with him a prayer expressing that and asked again if that is what he wanted to do. Again, he said yes.

"There is nothing like hearing a 'Yes' to Jesus," Beeman said. "We prayed and his body language visibly changed when

he raised his head. That is what sharing the Gospel is all about – people coming to Christ. The trip was so encouraging that I am planning to return next year. Oh, and in-between now and then, I'll not give up in sharing Jesus with those here in Louisiana. Seeing God at work in Brazil reminded me that He is the same God at work in Louisiana."

SEEDS PLANTED

When he found out that more than enough volunteers were serving with the medical clinic, Christian Oliver and a few other medical students ventured out into the community to visit patients in their homes. They also used the opportunity to present Jesus to them.

During one of the home visits, Oliver established a relationship with a young man named Mateus who came forward to profess his faith in Christ during a worship service led by the team at First Baptist Church in Campanha. Oliver, who is a student at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut, had the privilege of walking with him down the aisle.

"It was rewarding to be a mouth for God," said Oliver, who attends Highland Baptist Church in New Iberia when he is

not at Yale. "There was nothing I could have done to speak in the reach of my own power since there was a language barrier, but I knew God was the one who spoke to him."

HARVEST REAPED

Myrtle Patin and her husband, Joe, helped build a church and painted a school. The principal of the school was touched by the love expressed by team members, and she repented and turned her life over to Christ during the dedication of the new house of worship.

"It is always a joy to see someone come to Jesus, but to see a leader of young people change to a path that can affect all of the young people she will come into contact with, and have an influence on, really is exciting," said Myrtle Patin, a member of Lincecum Baptist Church in Pollock. "She was with our team all through the week as we painted her school free of charge. Many Brazilians came by and commented that no one there would have done that for free. So I think that selfless act showed that there was something special about Christians that she needed in her life too."

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Louisiana Baptist FOUNDATION

The Louisiana Baptist Foundation is pleased to publish its Statement of Financial Position for the year 2017. The Foundation presents this statement on-line and annually in the Louisiana Baptist *Message* for public review.

The financial statement presented was prepared from the books and records of the Louisiana Baptist Foundation. A copy of the audit report for the calendar year that ended December 31, 2017, issued by independent certified public accountants can be reviewed upon request and is available at the office of the Louisiana Baptist Foundation.

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ASSETS	2017
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 22,851
Accrued receivables	14,056
Prepaid expenses	12,374
Furn., equip., leasehold improvements - net of depreciation	54,682
Other assets	721
Investments in LBF managed accounts	6,769,439
Beneficial interest in trusts and endowments	15,743
Beneficial interest in split interest agreements	238,936
Assets held for agencies and trusts	<u>155,943,182</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ <u>163,071,984</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	\$ 8,250
Accrued liabilities	139,856
Liabilities for split-interest agreements	110,162
Due to agencies and trusts	
Short Term Fund managed accounts	54,004,653
Realized/Unrealized gains (losses) not allocated	552,364
Other managed accounts	<u>101,386,165</u>
Total Liabilities	156,201,450
NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted	
Operating	838,397
Designated for Short Term Fund Losses	250,000
Designated for donor advised funds	5,637,619
Permanently restricted	<u>144,518</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>6,870,534</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ <u>163,071,984</u>

"In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Louisiana Baptist Foundation as of December 31, 2017..., and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America."

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Craig Beeman photo

Marcio Alexandre de Moraes Santos, executive director of the Minas Gerais State Baptist Convention, presented medallions to Wayne Jenkins who retired in early 2018 as evangelism and church growth director for Louisiana Baptists, and Dwight Lowrie, pastor of Liberty-Eylau Baptist Church in Texarkana, Texas, for their work in evangelism in Brazil in late July during the annual Brazil mission trip. They were recognized among the top 100 influential persons in the area of evangelism in Brazil.

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HOLY SPIRIT DRIVEN

Brent Johns enjoyed serving in Brazil alongside his mother, Sue, son, Bradley, and daughter, Breanna. His mother, who attends the First Baptist Church in Graceville, Florida, served on the eye glass team while the rest of the family, who attend the First Baptist Church in Houma, helped with sports clinics.

“My wife and I have always wanted to do missions and evangelism with our children, and give them the opportunities at an early age to do that,” he said. “We can tell them all day long how important it is, but doing it together helps them to see it’s real.”

During one of the sports clinics, six college-aged men watched from a distance as the team taught the youth in attendance how to improve their basketball skills. After the clinic was over, the Holy Spirit moved and brought five of the young men under conviction of their

need for a Savior.

“They sat in the stands and when we shared the Gospel with the younger students, you could tell they thought it was silly,” Johns said. “When they left, we played a game with them and when we were done, we shared with them. This time they listened intently. No one is ever a lost cause. God has a way of changing a heart.”

DIFFICULTIES NAVIGATED

Wayne Jenkins, who led his 34th trip to Brazil, led several people to Christ throughout the week. But by the time he was scheduled to leave the country, Jenkins was unable to fly because of complications with cancer.

With the help of a Brazilian congressman whose wife accept-

ed Christ after hearing Jenkins preach many years ago in the country, he was able to navigate through government red tape to arrive back in Louisiana a few days later.

“All those seeds planted those years ago God used, in His grace, in my Dad’s life now,” Denton said. “It was a blessing to know of the growth in faith of those to whom you have ministered. The congressman and his wife were a part of a church plant that began in their home. The blessing came full circle when the same people, into

whom my father had spoken life, were able to minister to him in his time of need.”

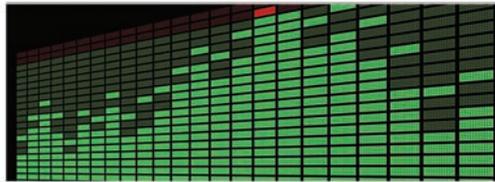
Though he faced challenges, Jenkins also experienced the blessing of receiving special recognition for his evangelistic work in Brazil.

Marcio Alexandre de Moraes Santos, executive director of the Minas Gerais State Baptist Convention, presented Jenkins and Texas pastor Dwight Lowrie with awards that recognized them as two of the top 100 influential persons in the area of evangelism in Brazil.

They were given medallions marking 100 years of Baptist work in the state of Minas Gerais in Brazil. Jenkins retired in early 2018 as evangelism and church growth director for Louisiana Baptists. Lowrie has helped coordinate the trip for many years and is pastor of Liberty-Eylau Baptist Church in Texarkana, Texas.

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“It’s really amazing that they parallel and feed into one another,” Arnold said. “People are interested in what God has to say about the rest of the universe, and, sometimes you don’t have an answer and you say, ‘Well when I see Him, I’ll ask Him. But right now, the Bible tells me this,’ and that’s the way I approach it.”

GBO FOCUS

Arnold is thankful for God’s faithfulness throughout the church planting process and for His provision for the new congregation through the financial and spiritual support of the 40 people who attend Kingdom Life Fellowship.

But he said the Georgia Barnette State Missions Offering is critical, too.

“Without [Louisiana Baptists’] support we could not reach this unreached group within our community,” Arnold said on a promotional video on the Georgia Barnette State Missions Offering website. “And for the kingdom, the larger kingdom, this will be tremendous.”

DESTINED FOR SPACE

At an early age, Arnold knew he wanted to follow in the footsteps of his father, who as a naval officer worked in missile development.

Arnold’s work in the space industry

has taken him up close with some of history’s most famous figures, including President Ronald Reagan, astronaut Buzz Aldrin and NASA administrator and astronaut Charlie Bolden.

His most memorable projects have included testing of a propulsion system that one day could possibly transport astronauts to Mars, spacecraft that have mapped gases, fields and streams coming from the Sun and a thermo-vacuum chamber that simulates space environments.

But the meetings with famous individuals and working on projects around the United States pale in comparison to the joys of church planting, Arnold said.

“I have an opportunity on Sunday to tell everybody who created this great world and the universe we live in,” he said, “and Monday through Friday I try to figure out how it was done.

“My first job out of college was on the weapons side with the Department of Defense,” he continued. “You have death and destruction and all that other gory stuff that went along with that, and God just gave me such insight that ‘I’m not preparing you to continue to do those type of projects. I need you to do something more beneficial for mankind – to explain why we have such a beautiful world and why we are so unique.’”

Mother, sons celebrate new life through baptism

By Brian Blackwell
Message Staff Writer

HOUMA – Not long after Clifton Arnold started Kingdom Life Fellowship in September 2016, Sade Harris presented a simple request – a chance to participate in baptism with her three sons.

After hearing the complete story, Arnold wholeheartedly granted the request.

“Her oldest son shared her birthday, and now she wanted to celebrate her own spiritual birthday with him and the other two siblings,” Arnold said. “Once I heard her request, I thought ‘that is really nice.’”

The family was introduced to Jesus

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Submitted photos

Pastor Clifton Arnold has baptized seven of the 40 members of Kingdom Life Fellowship since the church began in 2016.

CHURCH PLANTER AT HEART

Arnold’s interest in church planting piqued in 2014 when he worked alongside Jeffery Friend as a North American Mission Board church planting intern at Suburban Baptist Church in New Orleans.

“That sort of whet my appetite for

church planting,” he said. “I got to see how difficult it was and wondered if church planting was really for me or not. But there was still a yearning.”

While at Suburban Baptist, Friend took on a transitional pastorate in 2014 at Mechanicville Emmanuel Baptist Church

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REVELATION

THE LETTERS TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES



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Church in Houma, and Arnold followed as an associate pastor. Arnold became senior pastor when Friend consolidated his pastorate role to just Suburban Baptist in 2016.

While visiting with residents in the community, Arnold discovered a large segment of African-American millennials who were not attending worship services. His burden to reach them became his mission and vision when he planted Kingdom Life Fellowship, which meets inside Mechanicville Emmanuel Baptist's facility.

"God laid it on my heart to say, 'How do you reach the unreachable,'" he said. "How do you address this hole?"

"It came back loud and clear as I started talking to other churches and the church that I was pastoring that this culture is truly a unique culture," he continued. "The age groups are so different that the cultures are totally different than the 60 and 70 year olds in the community. And the 60 and 70 year olds were not really willing or ready to change, but they did see a need. So I approached them about a different concept, and that being a church plant."

UNIQUE MODEL

Arnold proposed to his

congregation the idea of becoming the mother church that hosts Kingdom Life Fellowship inside its facility. This approach allows the leadership to coach and teach the new congregation from inside rather than sponsoring them at another location.

"Most of our churches sit empty the majority of the week," he said. "You have a major issue in that you have infrastructure and it's not being used. We were able to talk with them and say, 'What if we had a non-interference different church?' Everybody wanted to know what different really meant. I said what I see in this culture is something that transcends race and economic backgrounds. A lot of these younger people in this age group are into the same music. They are looking for relevance. They are looking for something that they can really call their own, put their fingerprint on it and say this is mine."

With the help of the Mechanicville Emmanuel Baptist leadership, Baptist Collegiate Ministry students from Nicholls State University in Thibodaux, Franklin Avenue Baptist Church in New Orleans, Northshore Church in Slidell and Revival Life Church in Houma, Kingdom

Life Fellowship has grown from three people that first met for a home-based Bible study in December 2016 to a group of 40 meeting in early August 2018.

As Arnold assesses the future of Kingdom Life Fellowship, he is praying for a senior pastor to eventually take over his leadership role so he can return to church planting. He is also hoping for the donation of a new laptop computer to use in worship services as well as a school bus to transport a growing number of children and youth attending functions at KLF.

Arnold said the church is thankful to partner with Louisiana Baptists in their vision to plant more churches in south Louisiana by 2020.

"In the state of Louisiana we have a lot of churches but a lot of churches are empty," he said. "We have a lot of unsaved people and we have to be willing to reach people where they are."

Named for the first executive director of the Woman's Missionary Union, the Georgia Barnette Offering's annual Week of Prayer is set for Sept. 16-23. The theme for this year is "Think Big" inspired by 2 Corinthians 9:6. This year's offering goal is \$1.7 million. For more information on the offering,



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Pastor Clifton Arnold visited with a young man at Kingdom Life Fellowship in Houma. A large percentage of those attending his church are African-American millennials, who thrive on music and solid biblical teaching.

Romans 8:28 KJV

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the windshield wipers," Adams said, adding the friend driving the car stopped so he could get in.

Upon arriving back at LC, the group of guys tried catching him again.

"I somehow got away, but there I was in wet pajamas hopping on top of cars to escape, and when I landed on top of one of the cars, it buckled in," Adams said, recalling some of the antics of his classmates.

After their wedding ceremony and a short honeymoon

in Mississippi, Adams preached a revival at Antioch Baptist Church in Rayville. He was called to pastor the church, and accepted the position as his first pastorate with a salary of \$25 a week.

"I learned a lot with my first church. I learned that I knew very little, and that I wasn't the boss. God was the boss," he said.

After nearly three years at Antioch, Adams became the pastor at North Central Baptist Church in Delhi. He served as pastor at Magnolia Baptist

Church in Franklin Parish, then later at Fort Necessity Baptist Church.

Ministering to hundreds of folks through the years, and dealing with their pain and joy, can be overwhelming at times, Adams said. Squabbles arise in a church, and the pastor often shoulders the burdens of many. He said that at one point he was so discouraged in his ministry, he shouted at the Father.

"I was outside by a Hackberry tree, and I looked up and yelled, 'God, you can have this job; I won't never preach again,'" Adams said, adding three days later, he was asked by a pulpit search committee to come preach at another church.

He would go on to serve as the pastor at Lone Cherry Baptist Church for nearly 17 years and then later 18 years at Coax Baptist Church in Baskin.

After five years at FBC Gilbert, Adams spent a year preaching in various churches in about four parishes. He became the interim pastor at Lone Cherry Baptist Church, and after a year, accepted the role as full-time pastor, again, where he continues to serve today.

"It is by God's grace and the strength of my wife Sue, that I can say how I have been in ministry so long. God has been patient, good and His mercy extends from everlasting

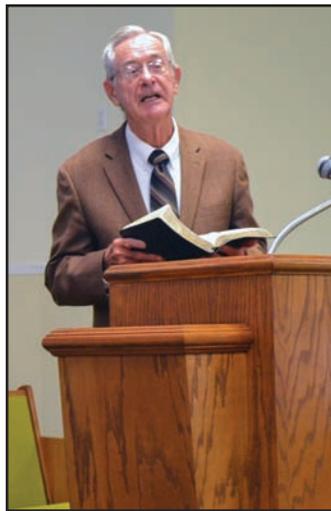
to everlasting," notes Adams.

The couple have raised three daughters and one son. They have eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. At the start of his ministry, Adams asked the Lord for a legacy of faith.

"Way back yonder, I asked God to touch the world through my family, and He is moving in that direction," Adams said.

His son is a chaplain in the Navy, one of his granddaughters is about to enter seminary to pursue a role in children's ministry and he has a son-in-law who is a preacher. In addition, he has a grandson who has created a Ninja warrior experience outreach to teens.

"I think of the pastors I've known who have quit the ministry. But I'm here by the grace of God, and I can't quit. God has called me, and He has not released me," Adams said.



Doyle Adams returned to pastor Lone Cherry Baptist Church in October 2012. He had previously served as its pastor for 17 years. Photo by Sarah Bartnick

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within a two-week period in 2016. Harris was attending a baptism class with son, Quentin, when she realized she needed to repent of her sins.

She then introduced the other two sons, Ma Khi and Que, to Christ.

The baptisms were the first for Kingdom Life Fellowship, which was birthed out of a home-based Bible study with

only three people. The Fellowship now has grown to 40 strong, seven of whom have been baptized.

Since the service, Harris has become involved in such ministries as the hospitality team.

"You just let God take over, and everything falls into place," Harris said. "It may not be when you want it, but it happens."

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ON THE MOVE

- **Marty, wife Joy, Williams** is the new pastor at First Baptist Church, Zwolle.
- **Connie Smith** has retired as pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church, Dubach.
- **David Sandez** has resigned as the Hispanic Ministry Missionary for the Concord Union Baptist Association and as Pastor of Nazareth Hispanic Mission, Bernice and Filadelfia Hispanic Mission, Simsboro.
- **B. K. Miller** will be the interim pastor at Liberty Baptist Church, Marion (beginning the first Sunday in September.)
- **Dave Ketchand** is the new associate pastor at Old Zion Hill Baptist Church, Independence.

HOMECOMING

- Bethel Baptist Church, Colfax: **Homecoming Sunday**, August 26, 9:45 a.m. – Sunday School; 10:45 a.m. – Worship Service; Noon – Homecoming dinner. Speaker: **Charles Hutzler**. Pastor: Carl Gulde.
- Christian Fellowship Cathedral, New Orleans: **23rd Anniversary Celebration**, August 26, 3 p.m. Speaker: **Cory Thomas**. Special Music: **Zion Harmonizers**. Special Guests: **New Orleans Mayor LaToya Cantrell and members of the New Orleans City Council**. There will be testimonies from members throughout the event and dinner will follow the service. Christian Fellowship Cathedral is located at 7643 Lehigh Street, New Orleans. Pastor: Willie Breaux, Sr.
- New Covenant Baptist Church, Denham Springs: **35th Anniversary Celebration of God**, September 7-9, Friday, 5:30 p.m. Speaker and Worship: Jerry R. White, Jr.; Saturday, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Speaker: Tony Hand at 7:15 p.m. Sunday, 9 a.m.- Noon. Speaker and Worship: Keith Zachary. Dinner on the Grounds will follow the worship service. Pastor: Keith Zachary.
- Amiable Baptist Church, Glenmora: **190th Anniversary**, September 9, 10

- a.m. Dinner on the grounds will follow services. Speaker: **Billy Edwards**. The church was founded by Joesph Willis. Anyone who has photos or stories they would like to share are encouraged to do so. Send in your photos to amiablebaptistchurch@gmail.com. Pastor: Benji Rhame.
- Fellowship Baptist Church, Trout: **Homecoming**, September 16, 9:30 a.m. Special Music: **The Sanctuary Quartet**. Pastor: Michael Devillier.
- First Baptist Church, Melville: **100th Homecoming**, September 16, 10:30 a.m. Dinner on the grounds will follow the worship service. Speaker: **Jacob Crawford**. Special Music: **Gold Rush Quartet**. Pastor: Nathaniel Dutton.

REVIVAL

- New Hope Baptist Church, DeQuincy: **Revival**, August 23-26, Sunday, 10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.; Monday-Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Evangelist: **Mike Courtney**. Worship: **Chris Sligh**, American Idol. Pastor: Roland Hebert.
- Live Oak Baptist Church, Denham Springs: **Community-wide Revival**, August 26-29, Sunday 8, 10:30 a.m. & 4 p.m.; Monday-Wednesday, 7 p.m. Speaker: **Eddie Briery**. Pastor: Johnny Morgan.
- New Sarepta Baptist Church, Sarepta: **Revival**, August 26-30; Sunday, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Monday-Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Evangelist: **Joe Lisemby**. Special Music: **The Lisemby Family**. Pastor: Marty Wright.
- Coldwater Baptist Church, Natchitoches: **Revival**, September 2-5. Evangelist: **Scotty McDowell, chalk artist**. Pastor: Timothy Leach.
- Old Saline Baptist Church, Castor: **Family Crusade**, September 2-5. Evangelist: **2TALK42 Ministries**.
- Summerville Baptist Church, Olla: **Revival**, September 6-8. Evangelist: **Scotty McDowell, chalk artist**.
- Coteau Baptist Church, Houma: **Freedom Revival**, September 6-9. Thursday-Saturday, 7 p.m.; Sunday 9 a.m. Evangelist: **Don Ledbetter**. Worship: **Jonathan Wilburn**. Pastor: Wayne Hunt.
- Friendship Baptist Church, Amite: **Revival**, September 9-12, Sunday 11 a.m. & 5 p.m.; Monday-Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Evangelist: **Gary Bowlin**. Pastor: Eddie Henson.
- Washington Baptist Association, Bogalusa: **Senior Adult Revival**, September 10-12. Director of Missions: Stan Statham.
- First Baptist Church, Mandeville: **Area-wide Harvest Evangelism Rally**,

September 12, 6 p.m. Pastor: Jake Roudkovski.

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- First Baptist Church, Pineville: **Man Church**, August 23, 6:30 p.m. This special night for men complete with manly food, manly music, and a manly message designed to encourage, equip and empower men to become spiritual leaders in their home, church, workplace and community. Man Church will be based off Dennis Rainey's "Stepping Up" study. Donations will be accepted for a meal. Pastor: Stewart Holloway.
- Broadmoor Baptist Church, Shreveport: **Northwest Louisiana Pro-Life Prayer Breakfast**, August 23, 7:30-9 a.m. Speaker: **U.S. Congressman Mike Johnson**. Cost: \$25. To register go to ProLifeLouisiana.org. Pastor: Church Pourciau.
- Louisiana College, Pineville: **Matt Papa in concert**, August 23, 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. Guinn Auditorium. Cost: \$10 at the door or free with current LC ID.
- Trinity Heights Baptist Church, Shreveport: **Squire Parsons in concert**. August 24, 7 p.m. A love offering will be received. There will be a catfish dinner at 5 p.m. for \$10 a plate. For tickets to the dinner call 318.221.2695. Pastor: Collin Wimberly.
- First Baptist Church, Golden Meadow: **Bayou Baptist French Rally**, August 24, supper – 5:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. Pastor: Matthew Chouest.
- Hessmer Baptist Church, Hessmer: **Louisiana Baptist Association's Youth Rally**, August 25, 6-8 p.m. Speaker: **Brent Nation**. Worship: **New Movement**. After the service, there will be a meal. There will be numerous door prizes. The cost of admission is one can of food per person. Pastor: Mick Maricle.
- Live Oak Baptist Church, Denham

- Springs: **Men's Main Event**, August 25, 5 p.m. Speaker: **Eddie Briery**. There will be lots of great food and tons of door prizes. This event is sponsored by the Men's Ministry at LOBC. Pastor: Johnny Morgan.
- Social Springs Baptist Church, Ringgold: **WeCalled in concert**, August 26, a.m. & p.m. services. Pastor: Marvin Leleux.
- First Baptist Church, Bossier: **Honor Our Heroes Sunday**, August 26, 10:30 a.m. A free breakfast reception will be held before the service at 9:15 a.m. and a lunch reception will be held after the service at 12:15 p.m. in honor of local active military, police, firemen, and first responders. Childcare is available for birth to 4 yrs. old. Speakers: **Former Air Force Staff Sgt. Spencer Stone and Capital Police Officer David Bailey**. Special Music: **Ernie Haase & Signature Sound**. For more information, contact Lorine Spratt at 318.752.6147 or Lorine@firstbossier.com.
- First Baptist Church, Houghton: **Partenting Conference**, August 26, 9:15 a.m. Speaker: **Rick Chelette**. Pastor: Gevan Spinney.
- First Baptist Church, West Monroe: **Impact**, August 27-29, 6:30-8 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. Monday is middle school night; Tuesday is high school night, and everyone will meet together on Wednesday night. Cost: \$1 per person each night. Speaker: **Chad Poe**. Worship: **Shane Longoria**. Pastor: Michael Wood.
- First Baptist Church, Houghton: **Rush of Fools in concert**, August 29, 6 p.m. Admission is free but the church is asking for a \$5 donation. Pastor: Gevan Spinney.
- First Baptist Church, Jonesville: **Rush of Fools Concert**, August 30, 6:30 p.m. Cost: Free. This concert is hosted by FBC Jonesville and the Ouachita Baptist Association and will be held at Block High

- School. Speaker: **Ben Hackler**. Pastor: Todd Whittington.
- Oak Forest Baptist Church, Leesville: **The Arenos in Concert**, August 31, 7 p.m. Pastor: Joe Call.
- United Baptist Church, Winnfield: **Harvest 2018**, September 1, 6 p.m. Speaker: **Hank Hough and Kingdom Dog Ministries**. Kingdom Dog Ministries uses humor, biblical truths and Labrador Retrievers to demonstrate the power of obedience in the life of a believer. There will be dinner and door prizes as well. Please RSVP your seat today through a member of UBC or through Pastor Justin Caples at 318.628.0877 or justin_caples@yahoo.com. Hope to see you there. Pastor: Justin Caples.
- Vieux Carre Baptist Church, New Orleans: **Temple Veil in concert**, September 2, 10 a.m. Pastor: Tom Bilderback.
- Calvary Baptist Church, Leesville: **Southern Plainsmen in Concert**, September 9, 10 a.m. A love offering will be taken. Pastor: John Smith.
- First Baptist Church, Bogalusa: **Sam and Beca Mizell in concert**, September 9, 6 p.m. The Mizells are three time Grammy nominated songwriters with 2 ASCAP songs of the year, 7 No. 1 songs and two Dove Awards. Pastor: Greg Whaley.
- First Baptist Church, Pineville: **First@First Business Leader Luncheon**, September 10, noon. Speaker: **Elizabeth Beard**, assistant Professor of English at Louisiana State University at Alexandria. Cost: \$10 and you may pay at the door. Please RSVP to Stewart Holloway (sholloway@fbcpineville.net). Pastor: Stewart Holloway.
- First Baptist Church, New Orleans: **Global Fest – Tour of International Cuisine**, September 14, 6 p.m. Cost: \$25. For more details, please visit portministry.com.

Scripture Crypto

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

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Clues:
Q = S; U = O

Answer to August 9 Scripture Crypto:
Titus one: nine



State law provides balance in evolution debate, LC prof says

By Brian Blackwell
Message Staff Writer

PINEVILLE – Ten years after the passage of the Louisiana Science Education Act, one of the law’s most outspoken advocates is celebrating how the legislation gave the state’s science teachers the right to present the scientific strengths and weaknesses of evolutionary theory.



Wade Warren

going to be a good teacher, they are going to want their students to think critically, to be able to analyze the information they are being presented,” Louisiana College Biology Professor Wade Warren said in a podcast interview with the Discovery Institute that aired June 28. “At the very least, the Louisiana Science Education Act gives the science classroom the opportunity to be more objective. And I am in favor of that.

“Let the students read the data. Let them decide for themselves,” he said. “But there is no way they are going to be able to do that if they are only presented the strengths of a particular model and not the weaknesses.”

The Louisiana Science Education Act was passed by the state legislature and signed into law by Governor Bobby Jindal in June 2008.

The act allows public school teachers to utilize information that may not be available in textbooks to educate students in multiple controversial areas, including teaching of evolu-



File photo

Louisiana College Professor Wade Warren debated a point to members of the Science Standards Committee last year in New Orleans. Warren proposed edits to science standards that were rejected by the committee.

tion, known as the Darwinian model.

The law states the State Board of Education shall “allow and assist teachers, principals, and other school administrators to create and foster an environment within public elementary and secondary schools that promotes critical thinking skills, logical analysis, and open and objective discussion of scientific theories being studied including, but

not limited to, evolution, the origins of life, global warming, and human cloning.”

FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT

Warren appeared before the Science Standards Review Committee in February 2017 to propose edits that in some cases were no larger than two-words, but reflect science language already included in many textbooks.

For instance, he recommended using the words “sudden appearance” to describe the “Cambrian Explosion” of body forms in the fossil record – a phrase used in almost every authoritative text about this phenomenon.

The sudden appearance of fossil forms is viewed by some as problematic for the Darwinian idea of gradual change over large periods of time.

But the state Science Standards Review Committee voted in a public forum to reject even this small change to the proposed new standards and forwarded them on to the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) for final approval.

Even though he was unable to convince other committee members to vote for his edits, the BESE opted to add in language of the Louisiana Science Education Act at the beginning of the standards to remind teachers they have a law protecting them if they choose to teach an objective view of evolutionary biology concepts.

“So I was disappointed at the final writing of the standards of evolution but also in some ways encouraged that this Louisiana Science Education Act language would show up,” he said. “I don’t know how many teachers will see it unless somebody tells them.

“I think teachers in the classroom, most of the time, get the list of things they have to go through, and feel the pressure of ‘Here’s the text. Develop your lesson plans and get after it,’ he told the Baptist Message. “It’s a little unfair in my opinion to ask these science teachers who have so much on their plate to go through the volumes of scientific literature to find out for themselves there is a whole body of science available to us today that does not see the evolutionary model fitting the data.

“I hope that administrators across the state will at least make it known to the teachers in their science classrooms, especially in this area, that they have the freedom to use the science that shows weaknesses in this Darwinian model,” Wade added. “That’s my hope at least.”

The full podcast of Warren’s interview can be heard at <https://www.discovery.org/multimedia/audio/2018/06/celebrating-the-tenth-anniversary-of-academic-freedom-in-louisiana-public-schools/>.



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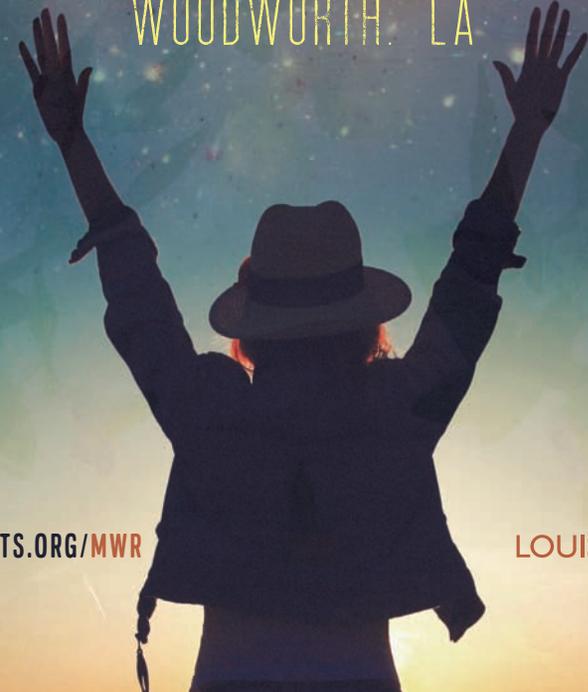
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After '16 flood, Park Forest revived, experiencing revival

By Brian Blackwell
Message Staff Writer

BATON ROUGE – The handful of people who remained at Park Forest Baptist Church in Baton Rouge after the great flood of 2016 asked for help to revitalize their dying congregation. The Church at Addis enthusiastically stepped in and a true revival has ensued for the once-ailing Park Forest.

“Our mission statement is pretty simplistic – serving God by serving others,” said Thomas Shepard, pastor of the Church at Addis. “We are going out and doing what we can to reach our community.”

DISCIPLESHIP BY SOCIAL MEDIA

Since taking over what is now the Church at Park Forest in September, attendance at its Sunday morning worship services has increased from nine to 35. Shepard attributes much of the growth to the discipleship method used at the Church at Addis.

Through social media, a member invites his or her friends to log onto Facebook to participate in studies about parenting, marriage and finances. Once the users complete the sessions, members then invite the friends to another study at the Church at Addis.

By using this approach, the Church at Addis has grown from 12 people when Shepard took over -- what was then First Baptist Church in Addis -- in 2010

to 650 at its worship services in mid-July. True Hope Baptist Church, its African-American church plant in Plaquemine, has seen attendance increase from 8 when it started two years ago to 80 in mid-July.

Baptisms at both locations from January to June totaled 50.

“We are using an intentional approach where our members become evangelistic,” Shepard said. “The studies are relevant to people’s lives and we use them as a way to get them in the door to our church. This has produced a clear segue into introducing a person to Christ in a non-threatening way.”

When Shepard received the request for his church to oversee operations of Park Forest Baptist, he surveyed the health of the church. Quickly, he discovered they were no longer using methods to reach the community and younger generation.

Once they began holding worship services, the format was altered from traditional to a blend of contemporary songs with the hymns of old. Shepard said the change has been well received by the original members, and is a reflection of their willingness to do whatever it takes to reach their community for Christ.

GROWTH SET FOR THE FUTURE

The Church at Park Forest

has continued to meet in a trailer until renovations are completed on its worship facility, which was deluged with 38 inches of water during the August 2016 flood. Samaritan’s Purse and the Provisions Project, a post-disaster rebuilding non-profit organization based out of Baton Rouge, have provided financial assistance, and the West Baton Rouge Parish Work Release Center and the Church at Addis have provided volunteers to work on the renovations that are almost done.

“People are out there in search of that community life and a place of belonging,” said Ernest Swanson, campus pastor

See **PARK FOREST**, page 15



Members of the Church at Park Forest led children in a game during a backyard Bible club in July. Since the Church at Addis took over in September, attendance at its Sunday morning worship services has increased from nine to 35.

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300 freshmen, two years in a row? It would be a record for LC

By Staff
Baptist Message

PINEVILLE – The incoming class at Louisiana College got the red carpet treatment Aug. 11 as they moved into dormitories around campus a week before the fall semester began.

A full entourage of campus administration and staff, members of the community, campus staff, football players and others greeted the incoming freshmen and transfer students while also assisting with taking personal belongings inside their new homes.

While final enrollment numbers will not be available until later in the semester, LC President Rick Brewer is optimistic the school will enroll 300 new freshmen for the 2018-2019 academic year. If he is right, it would mark the first time Louisiana College has enrolled 300 or more new freshmen for two consecutive years.

“Our admissions and recruiting teams have worked hard, and

the fruit of their efforts is promising,” Brewer said. “Although we will not have a final enrollment number until after our drop/add date, we clearly are tracking toward our goal of enrolling 1,500 students by the year 2020.”

Among the new students excited about the upcoming school year was Brian Edwards, a missions and ministries major from Lindale High School in Lindale, Texas. He is looking forward to how Louisiana College will prepare him for the mission field.

“I heard that the professors were excellent, and I really like the small ratio between students and faculty,” Edwards said. “This call on my life was influenced through the example of my parents. Some of my relatives are in ministry as missionaries.”

Several local churches and businesses helped welcome the incoming class, including: Calvary Baptist Church, Alexandria; Circle Church, Alexandria; First Baptist Church, Pineville;

See LC, page 15



Caitlin Robinson photos

The Louisiana College campus was a buzz during Move-In Day Aug. 11. Students, faculty and staff from LC, and members of the community all pitched in to help the incoming class get settled before a fall semester began for the new students.



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Scalise's rescuer, Paris train hero Park Forest will be honored at FBC Bossier

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Baptist Message

BOSSIER CITY – David Bailey, the special agent who risked his life saving House Majority Whip Steve Scalise of Louisiana during a shooting while practicing at the annual Congressional Baseball Game for Charity, will share his testimony during a worship service at First Baptist Bossier City Aug. 26.

Bailey, who was also injured in the incident June 14, 2017, received the Medal of Valor, the highest civilian medal awarded by the president of the United States.

He will speak during the 10:30 a.m. worship service as part of the church's "Honor Our Heroes Sunday."

Active military, police, firemen and first responders will be honored during the services and at a breakfast reception at 9:15 a.m. and lunch at 12:15 p.m. Ernie Haase and Signature Sound will provide special music.



Capital policeman David Bailey

Former Air Force Staff Sgt. Spencer Stone also will share his testimony. Stone garnered international headlines in 2015 when he and his childhood friends thwarted a major terrorist attack on a Paris-bound train. French President Francois Hollande presented Stone with the nation's highest decoration, the Legion of Honor.

He later was awarded the Airman's Medal and a Purple Heart, and was featured in the film 15:17 to Paris.



Air Force Staff Sgt. Spencer Stone

Brad Jurkovich, pastor of First Bossier, said the day allows his church to actively serve those who protect them.

"Honor Our Heroes Sunday is a powerful way to connect our community, serve those who serve all of us on a daily basis, and share the hope of Jesus," Jurkovich said.

For additional information on "Honor Our Heroes Sunday" call 318.752.6147 or e-mail Lorine@firstbossier.com.

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of the Church at Park Forest. "Once we can open those doors on the building, the next phase of the growth can take place."

The church's outreach has included spending time at a laundromat to pay for customers' laundry. This act of kindness opened the door for a Gospel conversation, and added two prospects to its membership rolls.

Similar outreach efforts will be commonplace once the renovated building reopens, Swanson contends.

"When you have people who want to stand in the gap and get involved in what we are doing, God will provide us with the kind of people we need to tackle the mission ahead," Swanson said. When I first walked in and there were nine people sitting in the congregation, I thought "What have I gotten myself into," he continued. "I now sit back and tell God, 'Wow, you

let me be part of this.' I believe with all my heart the Church at Park Forest will be redeemed and restored to its former glory. They are very mission minded with an understanding the church is not about a clubhouse you run, but about letting the Holy Spirit help you reach out."

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Main Street Mission, Pineville; Philadelphia Baptist Church, Deville; Pineville Park Baptist Church, Pineville; Zion Hill Church, Pineville; Red River Bank (and its ice cream truck); Chick-fil-A; and Now Playing Card and Hobby Shop.

"We are indebted to all of our friends in CENLA, businesses and churches, that in increasing numbers are embracing and supporting the renewal of Louisiana College," Brewer said. "Their support is as encouraging as it is humbling."

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Please submit résumé to Susan Nolan at snolan@lbch.org or P.O. Box 4196, Monroe, LA 71211.

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July 12, 2018

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Sunday Stretch

July 23-27
Centri-Kid Camp

July 24
Wellness Revelation | PIYO

August 25
Fall OCC Rally

WHAT WE HAVE:

- 8,000 sq ft unfinished space
- Exterior walls, foundation & roof

WHAT WE NEED:

- Finished interior = classrooms = people!
- Paid for as complete

WHAT WE PRAY:

- Love People/Teach Bible
- Complete during 70th Year (2019)

This project and offering will likely need to be done across time. Our goal for July & August is \$100,000. This money will provide architectural drawings that meet fire marshal approval, plus give us a meaningful start on electrical and A/C transitions.

Then when we have our Anniversary in March 2019, we will try to raise the rest to complete the electrical systems, build the walls and carpet the floors.

This is a huge challenge but it can be done!
Let's WIN!!!

Reminder:
The Good Hope Campus attendees are being challenged to raise \$\$ for roof replacement on that campus. This is the first major fund raising on that campus, specifically for that campus.

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By all means—WIN! Do what is needed.
This is also how Fair Park gives... and we've come so far! But we need to complete what we've started and we need to create new classes to reach new people. It is time to complete the Family Ministry Building. We'd like to do this as we celebrate Fair Park's 70th anniversary!

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Sunday, July 15
9:15 am Library Open
9:30 am Sunday School Fellowship
9:45 am SS Classes Begin
10:55 am Morning Worship
12:00 pm Fourth of July Lunch
5:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
6:00 pm Evening Service

Wednesday, July 18
5:00 pm FBC GO
5:30 pm The Grill Closed
6:00 pm Parish Prayers & Beyond
6:15 pm F5 Youthquake

Thursday, July 19
8:00 am All Church Prayer Time

July 22, 2018

Sunday, July 22
9:15 am Library Open
9:30 am Sunday School Fellowship
9:45 am SS Classes Begin
10:55 am Morning Worship
5:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
6:00 pm Evening Worship

Wednesday, July 25
5:00 pm FBC GO
5:30 pm The Grill Closed
6:00 pm Parish Prayers & Beyond
6:15 pm F5 Youthquake

Thursday, July 26
8:00 am All Church Prayer Time

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A Word From the Pastor's Study

Dear First Family,

As you read this your Mission Team will have been in Brazil for almost a full week. I hope to have some updates sent so that you may know how we are all doing. The most important action that you can take is what Bro. Wayne Stroud mentioned the Sunday before last—pray. Pray for us as we serve. Pray that God will give us opportunities to share the gospel and be bearers of His love and grace. Pray for our safety. Pray that the ears and hearts of the people will be open to hearing the voice of God as He uses me and others who will be witnessing and preaching. Pray for those in the sports and drama ministries and the church construction ministries. Pray for no delays in travel and that none of us get sick. Pray for Bro. Wayne Jenkins and his health. Pray for God to be glorified in all that we do.

Keep the church office informed of any prayer needs. Also contact your family Deacon if you need him while I am away. I thank God for each one of you and hope that

all is well while I am away. I tend to worry about things a bit when I am not with you. Take care of each other. Check on each other. Oh, and meet someone new and minister to them as God leads you.

UPDATE on FBC Members serving in Louisiana and Africa

It seems the hands and feet of First Baptist are everywhere this summer! As many of you are aware, Rachel Collins, Kaitlyn and Jarrod Thomas are all serving at Clara Spring Baptist Encampment this summer as summer staffers. I cannot express how happy and proud I am of them.

Remember, Chioè Wolleson is serving in Uganda, Africa. She is working with children as their mothers learn a trade which will help them to bring in an income to support their families. She shares, "I would just like to say thank you so much for everyone who has been praying for me on my trip. The Lord is working in amazing ways here, so please continue to keep me in your prayers as I finish out my last month!"

Please take some time and write them all a note of encouragement. There is nothing better than getting a letter from home.

Your love and care can reach around the world through a few words of encouragement. You will find each of their addresses on the back page of this newsletter. What a joy to have so many serving God in different places! Pray for each of them daily.

Seeking to make this year a little brighter one heart at a time with the love of God.

Bro. Craig

The FBC Family enjoys a meal in celebration of the freedoms God allows us to have as Americans on July, 1st.

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