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FROM MY DESK TO YOURS



Let's Talk...

As Helen and I have traveled to the churches of this great area, we have found many wonderful ministries. One of the areas that needs greater emphasis is Sunday School and Small Groups. At the very beginning of my ministry as DOM I felt led to begin discussion groups about various aspects of Church life. I'm going to call these Sessions "**Let's Talk**". These sessions will be designed for us to come together and freely

discuss certain topics. The first one has been planned for May 8 at the North Eunice Baptist Church and will be "**Let's Talk – Sunday School and Small Groups**". Bro. Sean Keith, our LBC Sunday School Director will be here for our discussion. I want you to come and speak openly about SS as we discuss Sunday School and Small Groups. Bro. Sean will be our source for what's happening in Sunday School and Small Groups across our state. This will be a time for all to express their opinions and ideas concerning these topics. This is designed to be a learning time for us all. Please make this a priority and be there. It begins at 6:30 at North Eunice.

Changes at this Years Association Leadership Planning Conference

(ALPC)

April 24th in Pineville will be this year's ALPC. Brother Wayne Sheppard has worked hard to find new and better ways for this conference to be effective. This year the LBC Staff is making a concentrated effort to make this an outstanding event for all involved especially for the small church. One of the main features will be Jim Slack, International Mission Board Missiologist and expert on American Culture. You don't want to miss what Jim has to say. We are living in troubled time on this continent. We live in a "lost" land and we need to understand that. Jim Slack will help you understand what is happening all around us.

ALPC is for all Association Church leaders. Take a look at the list that Jan has provided in this newsletter. It all begins at 9:00 AM at the First Baptist Church of Pineville. Come and join me in this event. If you need a ride or if you want to ride together, just let me know. Please make an effort to be a part of this meeting.



...BANQUET

**Mission Celebration:
Nova Scotia Outreach**

When: Sunday, April 22, 2012

Where: Hessmer Baptist Church

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Refreshments afterward

...TRIPS

There are four mission trips that are currently on the calendars for this Summer. The First Trip will take place May 23-28. This will be a vision trip for three pastors to help in planning future Church mission events in the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico. Later in the Summer will be two other trips. One to Nova Scotia and one to New Barunfels. Both of these trips deal with ministering to the root people groups of the Cajun Culture. And then in October a group will be traveling to Merida, Mexico to minister to the Pastors and Wives of the Yucatan. Please pray for these four trips. Consider if you would led to participate by going with them. Also pray about giving financial support. There is a need for additional financial support for all of these events. For information contact Louis Charrier for the Cajun Culture trips or Bro. Alan for the Yucatan trips.



VBS

Vacation Bible School is still the most important Evangelism Tool that we have for reaching Children for Christ. Our VBS Clinics are designed to give you additional helps and ideas in order to make your VBS the very best VBS that it could be. Our three association directors work hard to make this an effective tool. Here are the dates: Mt. Olive April 12 at Glenmora BC, Acadia, April 21 at Elizabeth Memorial BC, and Louisiana, April 26 at Calvary Bayou Chicot.

Every Church Should Have Their Pastor

Enrolled in Guidestone

Guidestone Financial Services is a very important part of the Southern Baptist Church Plan. It is designed to help the church provide basic benefits for the Pastor/Staff member and their Families. For instance, any qualified staff member that pays as little as \$10 per month received an automatic death benefit (from \$40,000 to \$100,000 according to age) as well as disability coverage. This is a very important option for your church. If your pastor he lost his life, would his family be able to provide for his burial? If your pastor, because of illness, could no longer fulfill his duties is there any disability help for him in your current package. Of course it would be better if each church could put a much larger amount into his annuity program through Guidestone but if each church would just provide the minimum amount in order that they receive this great coverage it would be important. Just in the short time that I have been your DOM we had already had one pastor pass away at a very young age and was without Guidestone support. Every Church Should Make Sure That Their Pastor and Other Licensed or Ordained staff are Included in the Guidestone Plan! At the present time only 24% of the Acadia churches are using Guidestone, 20% of the Louisiana Churches and 26% of the Mt. Olive Churches. Let's all strive for 100%!



ALPC Training
Tuesday, April 24th
FBC Pineville
9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

The ALPC Training this year will focus on the smaller church.

Listed below are the conferences:

- RA's**
- Clerks**
- Evangelism Directors**
- Missions Development Council**
- Moderators/Vice Moderators/DOM's**
- Music Directors**
- Pastoral Leaders/Church Administration/**
- Bi-vocational Ministry**
- Stewardship Directors**
- SS and Discipleship Development Leaders**
- WMU Directors**
- Youth Directors**

Dr. Jim Slack, IMB, will speak in Closing Session.

Counseling Center

Paula Sheppard
Granberry Counseling Centers
318-623-1711

- Seeing clients in Oakdale on Wednesdays at FBC, Oakdale.
- Seeing clients in Pineville for other appointments.

EVENTS TO REMEMBER

MT. OLIVE ASSOCIATION

April 2012

9	Men's Rally	6:00	Elizabeth BC
10	WMU Quarterly Meeting	9:30 AM	Elizabeth BC
12	VBS Clinic	6:00 PM	Glenmora
16	No Semi-Annual Meeting; moved to May 3rd		
24	ALPC	9:00-2:30	FBC Pineville

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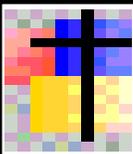
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10	Executive Board Meeting	6:00 PM	ABC
19	WMU Quarterly Meeting	10:00 AM	ABC
21	VBS Clinic	9:00-11:00 AM	Elizabeth Memorial
24	ALPC	9:00-2:30	FBC Pineville

LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION

April 2012

6	Youth game night	6:00-9:00	Hessmer BC
15	Bible Drill	3:00 PM	Lone Pine
17	NO Executive Board Meeting; moved to May 1st		
22	Missions Banquet: Nova Scotia	6:00 PM	Hessmer BC:
24	ALPC	9:00-2:30	FBC Pineville
26	VBS Clinic	6:00 PM	Calvary, Bayou Chicot



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On March 3, 2012, I was allowed to preach at the Federal Correctional Institution. It was a mostly English speaking audience, with a few Hispanics present. One man came forth during the time of invitation.

On March 4, 2012, I preached at FCI in the afternoon. This is the regular time for the Hispanic church to meet at FCI. There was a very good attendance with 2 men coming forth for salvation at the time of invitation. The same night I was allowed to preach at the Federal Detention Center. There was close to 100 in attendance. Eight men came forth for salvation at the time of invitation.

As a result of these services we began a discipleship study every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. and have an average attendance of 18. Most of these men are believers and have a great desire to know more about God. Please pray that we may provide some type of seminary courses to those who are interested.

Thanks, Carlos



Lafayette NOBTS Extension Center

Anyone interested in attending the NOBTS Extension Center at East Bayou in Lafayette needs to be aware that there are new scholarships now available just for you. Bro. Jeff Cook has indicated that a special grant has made scholarships available for any students that choose to attend the extension center at East Bayou Baptist Church in Lafayette. This is a great way to work toward your Bachelors/ Masters level seminary training. If you have any questions please give Jeff Cook a call at 337-288-4740 or email him at Jeff.Cook@lbc.org.