

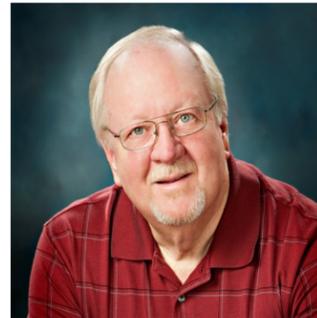
Joint Associational News

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FROM MY DESK TO YOURS



My Hope Is In Full Swing

Many churches in all three associations have begun training and implementing Billy Graham's My Hope. I am guessing, but I believe that we have about 30 churches involved in this process, possibly as many as 90 to 100 Matthew groups. That means that we should see approximately 180 to 200 people saved over the next few weeks. Again, I don't know exactly how many Matthew groups we have working, but I am impressed with what I am hearing. If your church is not involved, see "How to get started with MY HOPE, in the next article of this newsletter. It's not too late. This is a major opportunity that seems to have the hand of God upon it. Time will tell if God's people will respond.

How to Get Started with MY HOPE

It's not too late to get your people involved.

It's easy to pull this off. I can come to your church and train your Matthew members (those who are willing to do this). You can train your Matthew teams. All you need is a packet of material. We have plenty in my office. It's all about building simple relationships, inviting a few friends to your home, playing the video and sharing a brief testimony, leaving the rest to God. And remember: This doesn't have to be done on the week designated. This has been developed to begin now but to keep it going. You can do this on any week. You can do this as many times as you wish. Let's get the sharing going. Yesterday, I saw a new neighbor that I had not met walking down the road. I stopped, introduced myself to the couple. Talked briefly and moved on. That was the beginning. I will follow that up. Hopefully they will come to our home.

LET'S ALL GET INVOLVED!



This year's LBC Annual Meeting is just around the corner. It will be held November 11-12 in Alexandria at the Riverfront Center. This will be a great time of fellowship and Preaching. There will be great displays telling the story of SBC life here and abroad. Be sure and register with the LBC office so you can be a delegate from your church.

Evangelism Trailer **Well Used**

Our new Evangelism unit was used 15 times this year, with great success at block parties, VBS events, and Mamou 5:16 events. It has proven to be a useful tool for our churches. If you used the EV unit this year, you will receive an invoice for \$25 to cover supplies. Taking an inventory after each event proved to be too difficult so we are asking each user to pay \$25 to cover the cost of supplies. If you used any, ice, popcorn, cotton candy sugar, snow cone syrup, cups, cone, etc, just respond to the letter with a check made out to the Joint Association Office. If you just used the blowups and did not use any supplies, just ignore the letter. If you just used a little, use your judgment and reduce the amount. From this point forward we charging \$125.00 and all supplies will be included. We purchase all supplies in bulk and at the cheapest rates. I think you will agree that this is still a good deal. If your church just can't afford the \$125, just give us a call and we will help you.

EVENTS TO REMEMBER

MT. OLIVE ASSOCIATION

October 2013 PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

November 2013

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|--------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| 3-9 | "My Hope" Billy Graham | |
| 4 | Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer | 9:30-noon
Trinity, Oakdale |
| 11-12 | Louisiana Baptist Convention, Riverfront | Alexandria |
| 18 | Worship Rally & Thanksgiving Meal | 6:00 p.m.
Glenmora Baptist Church |
| 23 | VBS FALL PREVIEW | Bapt. Bldg. |
| 24-25 | Youth Evangelism Celebration, Rapides Coliseum | Alexandria |

ACADIA ASSOCIATION

October 2013 PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

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| 24 | Pastors' Conference | 12:00 noon | FBC Ville Platte |
| 29 | WMU Quarterly Meeting | 10:00 a.m. | Greater Harvest Fellowship
(formerly Church Point Mission) |

November 2013

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| 1-3 | Camper on Missions Rally | | ABC |
| 3-8 | Campers on Mission Work Week | | ABC |
| 3-9 | "My Hope" Billy Graham | | |
| 4 | Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer | | |
| 5 | Mission's Banquet, Peking Restaurant | | Opelousas |
| 11-12 | Louisiana Baptist Convention, Riverfront | | Alexandria |
| 18 | January Bible Study Preview | 9:00-2:00 | FBC Eunice |
| 21 | Pastors' conference | noon | FBC Iota |
| 23 | VBS FALL PREVIEW | | Bapt. Bldg. |
| 24-25 | Youth Evangelism Celebration, Rapides Coliseum | | Alexandria |

LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION

October 2013 PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

November 2013

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| 1-3 | Camper on Missions Rally | | ABC |
| 3-8 | Campers on Mission Work Week | | ABC |
| 3-9 | "My Hope" Billy Graham | | |
| 4 | Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer | 10:00 a.m. | Bayou Rouge, Evergreen |
| 11-12 | Louisiana Baptist Convention, Riverfront | | Alexandria |
| 17-24 | Operation Christmas Child | | Hessmer |
| 23 | VBS FALL PREVIEW | | Bapt. Bldg. |
| 24-25 | Youth Evangelism Celebration, Rapides Coliseum | | Alexandria |



GEORGIA BARNETTE ...

MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER!

With the recent changes in NAMB funding for statewide missions the Georgia Barnette Mission Offering is more important than ever. The annual amount we receive back from NAMB has been dropped from approximately \$870,000 per year to \$300,000. In light of this development, Georgia Barnette has become our main resource to fund statewide mission work including church plants and ministry missions outside of New Orleans. Be sure and give your church extra encouragement to make this year's Georgia Barnette offering the largest ever.

It's Not To Late...

October is Pastor Appreciation Month



It's not too late to take a moment to show your appreciation to your pastor. If you forgot or if your church forgot this year, stop and do something special for your pastor. I am reminded over and over again how difficult it is to be a pastor. It is amazing how easy it is for the pastor to get left without the encouragement he needs. Find time to do something, even if it is just patting him on the back and telling him you love him. Those little things are so important and special to pastor. And don't forget the pastor's wife. Believe me, your pastor family needs your attention. Don't leave it up to someone else to do it. Take the time to do it today.

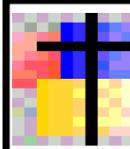
ACPs Are Due Now!!!

If you are a church clerk or pastor and your church's Annual Church Profile (ACP) has not been turned in, please help us by doing that today. We need these in our office to help make our Association Annual Booklets complete. This is very important, mainly because it contains contact information for your church officers. This is the only way we can keep accurate contact information for mailing and email purposes. Give us a break and turn in your ACP today.



...to Acadia Association for the contribution that was given toward the expenses of Bro. Charles Amy. The Amy family appreciates the gift and covets the prayers of each church.

Nancy Amy and family



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Annual Meetings Go Well

All three Annual Meetings are complete. We experienced an increase in attendance this year in all three meetings. These are challenging days for God's Churches. My challenge to all three associations was basically 1) Find ways to involve young adults in your daily worship and operations. Find ways to let them put their imprint on your worship and let them take over leadership within. Yes, they will not do it the way we always have, but they need a chance to be involved in leadership. 2) If we just can't accomplish this, be willing to start new churches that can be populated predominately by the younger generation. 3) I'm challenging our Association leaders to take a long look at our committee and officer structure and create a functional system of leadership that can carry us into the future. As I said, these are challenging days. We simply must rise to the challenge and work together to become a thriving, functioning body of believers that once again is reaching a significant number of lost people with the gospel of Christ.

Mamou 5:16 Update

Our bimonthly outreach events at the Mamou Recreation Center are gaining strength. We are averaging about 200 kids and family members at each event which takes place twice a month. This is a wonderful opportunity for your church to be involved in local missions. We need volunteers that would come and work in the following areas:

Concessions, Registration, Skate distribution, Interacting with the kids and parents, etc.

November 2 & 16

December-no dates