

# Joint Associational News

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## FROM MY DESK TO YOURS



### Can you Believe...

that Thanksgiving and Christmas are here already? We have had a great year and 2013 is just around the corner. This Thanksgiving I am especially thankful for renewed health and activity. Your thoughts and prayers were so much appreciated during this unexpected detour in our lives. God is so good and we have so many reasons to give glory to God. Specifically, I thank you for the many prayers, cards, prayer quilts, etc. You are a wonderful group of special folks that love the Lord God and love each other. Praise God for you all. I am pretty well back to a full schedule and look forward to a great year in 2013.

I want to encourage you in the Thanksgiving season to truly take time to give thanks. It is so easy to get so wrapped up in the "Thanksgiving/Christmas" spirit that we forget to actually properly give true thanks. Along with true thanks come genuine repentance, for the ultimate gift is Jesus Christ and His sacrifice on the cross. May we all focus this season on that ultimate sacrifice.

#### Evangelism Trailer

As we have previously announced, the EV trailer is up and available for your use. See last month's newsletter for details. We plan to bring the unit to future Association meetings to give you a peek at God's blessing in this area. This is a tremendous

tool if used properly. It will draw people and can increase your opportunities to love on folks, setting the stage for evangelism.

#### Additional Mamou Ministries

Just a quick report on the work in Mamou: Average attendance for Kids and Youth at our Saturday night "Mamou 5:16" events continues to move up. Last Saturday Evening we had 140 kids plus many adults. We are beginning to see results with some families showing up at local church services. Also, we are moving toward a Mamou Feeding ministry as we partner with the Sanctuary of Praise Church. Make this a matter of prayer as a door has opened to team up with Second Harvest to create a feeding ministry. Bro. David Plunkett and his folks at Sanctuary of Praise Church will be leading out in this ministry. Pray about this new work. God has truly opened doors for ministry in Mamou. We have about six or seven churches joining in this ministry. There is a place for your church or your youth group to participate.

#### January Bible Study

Don't forget that January Bible study is still a very effective tool for your church. This year's study in the book of Luke, "The Greatest Week in History: Luke's Account of the Passion Week" is a great opportunity for you and your church to focus on the work of Jesus on the cross. This study will be the first in the 66-year history of JBS that we have focused on Jesus Christ's final week. The Learner Guide provides commentary and interactive activities designed for an adult to gain insight into the passages being examined. If you need help with leadership in this event give me a call

*Celebrating all He is  
And all He means to us...*



*Christmas Blessings,  
Bro. Alan, Helen & Jan*



**December 2-9, 2012**

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS  
& LOTTIE MOON OFFERING**

Lottie Moon - the namesake of the international missions offering - has become something of a legend to us. But in her time Lottie was anything but an untouchable hero. In fact, she was like today's missionaries. She was a hard-working, deep-loving Southern Baptist who labored tirelessly so her people group could know Jesus.

Throughout her career, Lottie Moon wrote numerous letters home, urging Southern Baptists to greater missions involvement and support. One of those letters triggered Southern Baptists' first Christmas offering for international missions - enough to send three new missionaries to China. Dec. 24, 2012, will mark 100 years since the death of Lottie Moon. The final day of Week of Prayer (Dec. 2-9) is dedicated to Lottie Moon, a portrait of obedience who influenced thousands to follow her, going just as boldly, obediently and sacrificially



**Thursday, Dec. 6, 2012**

**Tri-Community Nursing Home, Lebeau**

**1:00 PM**

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**Host Church: Big Cane Baptist Church**

**Meet at the church for 11:30 AM**

**for light lunch & fellowship**

**Be at the Nursing Home for 12:45 PM**

Please bring items for the Christmas Store!



**ABC Christmas Banquet**

*Thursday, December 6, 2012*

*6:30 p.m.*

**Needed:**

**Sermon Videos**

Any churches which record their services on DVDs and would be interested in donating them for Truck Stop ministries, please send them to:

Larry Baldrige  
302 Everest Rd.  
Church Point, LA 70525  
337-250-3954



**Youth Retreat**

**Where: ABC**

**When: Friday-Saturday,  
December 14-15**

**Registration 5:00 p.m. Friday**



*Pastors & Wives  
Christmas Fellowships*

**Bi-Vo/Small Church**

**When:** Friday, December 7, 2012  
**Where:** North Eunice Baptist Church  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Louisiana Association**

**WHERE:** Sombrero's  
**ADDRESS:** 1713 Metro Dr., Alexandria, LA  
**WHEN:** December 3, 2012, 6:30 p.m.  
**RSVP:** Jacob Crawford  
[jacobcrawford@gmail.com](mailto:jacobcrawford@gmail.com)  
 or  
 318-308-2753

**Acadia Association**

**WHERE:** Fezzo's, Scott  
**When:** December 13, 2012  
**TIME:** 6:00 p.m.  
**RSVP:** Bro. Gary Mitchell  
 337-552-1170 or [gary.mitchell@gmx.com](mailto:gary.mitchell@gmx.com)

**Mt. Olive Association**

**When:** Tuesday, December 11, 2012  
**Where:** Mt. Hope, Oakdale  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m.  
**RSVP:** Bro. Falis Holloway  
 318-229-1216 or [fholl13725@aol.com](mailto:fholl13725@aol.com)

**EVENTS TO REMEMBER**

**MT. OLIVE ASSOCIATION**

**December 2012**

<b>2-9 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS &amp; LOTTIE MOON OFFERING</b>			
11	Pastors/Wives Christmas Fellowship	6:00 pm	Mt. Hope, Oakdale
<b>January 2013</b>			
<b>2-6 JANUARY BIBLE STUDY</b>			
8	WMU Quarterly Meeting	9:30 am	Pine Ridge BC Melder
18-19	Mother/Daughter Retreat	6:00 pm Fri-noon Sat.	Dry Creek
21	Worship Rally	6:00 pm	Emmanuel BC Oakdale
26	Men's Winter Fellowship	2:00 pm	Dry Creek
<b>28-29</b>	<b>LBC EVANGELISM CONFERENCE</b>	<b>FBC</b>	<b>LAFAYETTE</b>

**ACADIA**

**December 2012**

<b>2-9 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS &amp; LOTTIE MOON OFFERING</b>			
6	ABC Christmas Banquet	6:30 pm	ABC
7	Bi-Vo/Small Church Pastors & Wives Christmas Banquet	7:00 pm	North Eunice
13	Acadia Pastors/Wives Christmas Fellowship	6:00 pm	Fezzo's, Scott
14-15	Winter Youth Retreat		ABC
<b>January 2013</b>			
<b>2-6 JANUARY BIBLE STUDY</b>			
15	Executive Board Meeting	6:00 pm	Emmanuel Eunice
22	WMU Quarterly Meeting	10:00 am	Elizabeth Memorial
25-26	Pastors/Wives Retreat	Fri. 6:00pm-Sat. noon	ABC
<b>28-29</b>	<b>LBC EVANGELISM CONFERENCE</b>	<b>FBC</b>	<b>LAFAYETTE</b>

**LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION**

**December 2012**

<b>2-9 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS &amp; LOTTIE MOON OFFERING</b>			
3	Ministers/Wives Christmas Fellowship	6:30 pm	Sombrero's Alexandria
6	Christmas Store	11:30 am	Big Cane
6	ABC Christmas Banquet	6:30 pm	ABC
14-15	Winter Youth Retreat		ABC
<b>January 2013</b>			
7	Executive Board Meeting	6:00 , meal	Beulah
<b>2-6 JANUARY BIBLE STUDY</b>			
17	WMU Quarterly Meeting	10:00 am	Eola
25-26	Pastors & Wives Retreat	Fri. 6:00 pm-Sat. noon	ABC
<b>28-29</b>	<b>LBC EVANGELISM CONFERENCE</b>	<b>FBC</b>	<b>LAFAYETTE</b>



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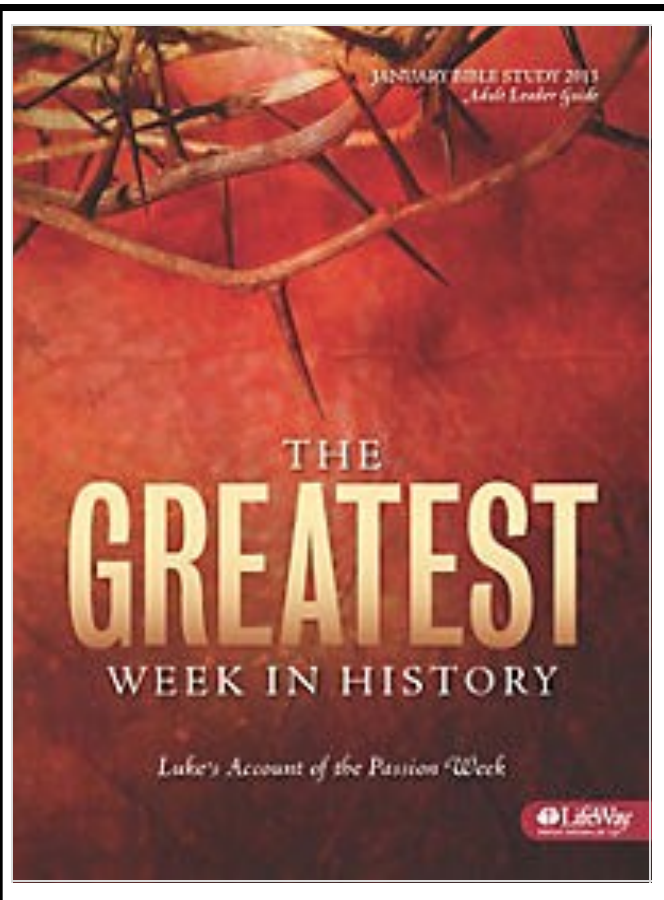
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**SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

A complete set of winter quarter LifeWay Sunday School materials is available in the association office. Please feel free to come by and check it out. Call the office at 337-468-4375 if you have questions.

In addition, Lottie Moon posters, envelopes and brochures are also available in the Joint Association Office.