

Disaster Relief Training



February 1-2 ~ Woodland Park Baptist, Hammond
February 22-23 ~ First Baptist Opelousas
April 19-20 ~ Temple Baptist, Ruston

Chaplaincy Training

March 7-9 ~ First Baptist Houma

Visit www.LBC.org/DisasterRelief for more information

MISSION FAMILY NIGHT & COVERED DISH SUPPER

PLEASE BRING A COVERED DISH!

Calvary Baptist Church
January 18th

6:30 p.m. - Meal & Program

Pastor & Staff Luncheon

January 14th ~ Noon
Association Office

January

January 7 ~ Association Administrative Team Meeting
January 10 ~ Coteau, Singing Women
January 14 ~ Association Pastor / Staff Meeting
January 17 ~ Association Executive Board Meeting
January 18 ~ Mission Family Night
January 25 ~ Association French Rally
January 28-29 ~ Evangelism Conference

Happy Birthday:

11 ~ Wayne Hunt, Coteau

Church Anniversaries:

Jeremy Broussard, Calvary

Upcoming Events

February 9 ~ Association Sunday School Training
February 17 ~ Live Oak, Ordination Service for Matt Chouest
February 18 ~ Pastor / Staff Meeting

Please call the host church for more information.

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BAYOU BAPTIST ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

January 17 ~ 6:30 p.m.
Association Office



Bayou Baptist Association Sunday School Conference

Where: Coteau Baptist Church
When: February 9, Saturday,
9:00-11:30 am

Conferences for: Pastor/Sunday School Directors, Adult Leaders, Youth Leaders, Children's Leaders, and Preschool Leaders



BAYOU BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

French Rally

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25
GUMBO AT 5:30 PM
FOLLOWED BY SERVICE AT 6:30
SPEAKER: HERMAN CALLAIS

****PLEASE BRING A DESSERT TO SHARE****





Five New Year's Resolutions for 2013

One of the most misunderstood Beatitudes of Jesus may be one of the most important for you to master in 2013: "Happy are the meek, for they will inherit the earth" (Matthew 5:5). Let's be honest. It sounds whimpy. You'd think to inherit the earth you'd have to climb over everyone else first. But we've lost the true meaning of meekness. Meek doesn't mean weak. Jesus and Moses were described as meek, and they certainly were anything but weak. Meekness really means strength under control. The Greek word referred to a wild horse tamed or medicine that could tame a fever. Strength under control is an important characteristic of any Christian leader. A leader who can't control his or her strength can't lead others to do likewise.

Here are five ways to keep your strength under control in 2013:

When someone serves you, be understanding not demanding.

Philippians 2:4-5 (GNB) says, "Don't just think about your own affairs, but be interested in others too, and in what they are doing. Your attitude should be the same as Jesus Christ's."

When somebody disappoints you, be gentle and not judgmental.

Paul tells us in Romans 14:1 (GNB), "Welcome those who are weak in faith, but do not argue with them about their personal opinions."

When someone disagrees with you, be tender without surrender.

The Bible says in 2 Timothy 2:24-25 (NLT) that meekness is a qualification for spiritual leadership: "The Lord's servants must not quarrel... They should gently teach those who oppose the truth. Perhaps God will change those people's hearts, and they will believe the truth."

When someone corrects you, be teachable rather than unreachable

James 1:19 (GNB) says, "Everyone must be quick to listen, but slow to speak and slow to become angry."

When somebody hurts you, be an actor not a reactor.

Romans 12:21 (GNB) says, "Do not let evil defeat you; instead, conquer evil with good."

Victor Frankl, the famous psychiatrist who went through Auchwitz said, "They took my clothes, my wife, my kids, my wedding ring. I stood naked before the SS and I realized they can take everything in my life but they cannot take my freedom to choose how I will respond to them." That's real freedom. What more could you want in 2013? Bro. Joe



Ministry Spotlight

Community Impact partnered with Christian Family Church and Noble Charity Homes to "Ignite Africa" for a gospel crusade, pastor training and evangelism in Kisumu Africa Nov, 20-30, 2012. We had a wonderful experience. We saw 250 professions of faith, 103 pastors trained and equipped, and 1,600 people attend the gospel crusade. Please pray that God will keep their love alive, as the pastors serve

even in the pressures of constant ministry. Also pray that God will help them not to neglect their children in the busyness of mission life. But above all, pray that they'll sit daily at the Lord's feet and renew their love by gazing into His face! Pray that they can keep their children profitably occupied, especially their sons who need to know working skills. "We are humbled to realize that people, whom we have never met, are praying for us. Truly, other men have labored, and (we) have entered into their labors." What a thrill to have a part in building God's eternal kingdom!

Randall

REVIVAL

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

(formerly Little Caillou Baptist)
5651 Bayou Drive, Chauvin

Sunday, January 20th-
Wednesday, January 23rd

7 pm each night

Evangelist: Mike Courtney

Community Impact

A heartfelt thank you: Community Impact of Bayou Association would like to take an opportunity to once again thank the Churches, Pastors and Staff for their endorsement and continued support of the ministry of Community Impact of Bayou Association. As part of the New Year Vision we will be personally contacting your church about ways to become involved in 2013 to impact the lost in our Community and beyond. Community Impact continues to be recognized as an essential community ministry service that impacts hundreds of citizens on a monthly basis. Through food pantries, Bible distributions, tract giveaways, and community projects Community Impact of Bayou Association is only a phone call away. Please contact us with any missions/evangelism concerns or needs you may have. Tanya & I want to wish you and your family a Happy New Year.

Randall & Tanya Gill

Hello from the Nicholls BCM!

We have had a wonderful Fall semester this year – God has been good to us in so many ways! We have grown spiritually and numerically, have seen four students make professions of faith through baptism, and have begun the process of training new leaders!

One of the many great attributes of Baptist Collegiate Ministry is the process of equipping student leaders who will learn how to serve and be examples to other believers. The leadership team serves the BCM by coordinating events, leading small group Bible studies, participating in worship leadership, and many other activities. These leaders will take what they learn through their experience with the BCM and apply it in their local congregations for the building of God's kingdom!

In the Spring semester, our Core Value Emphasis will be Missions, and we will develop all of our activities around the themes of missions. God's passion is to be known and glorified among all nations, and he commands us to go and make disciples of all people (Matt. 28:18-20) and declare His glory in the earth (Ps. 96:3-4). Jesus assured His disciples that the Gospel of the Kingdom would be preached among all nations (Matt. 24:14), and the apostle John saw around the throne of God people worshiping Him from every tribe, tongue, and nation (Rev. 7:9).

The mission of God to have His glory and His Gospel known in all the earth is a mission that will not fail, and He graciously invites us to be part of that mission. Jesus told His disciples, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). We are striving to be an Acts 1:8 ministry!

February 8-12, 2013 – Reach New Orleans. We will be joining with other BCM's from around the state to reach out to the people of New Orleans during Mardi Gras, hoping to lead people to Christ. This mission trip will be our way of extending the Gospel to "Jerusalem," our immediate context. The website for this event is www.threadsmedia.com/events.

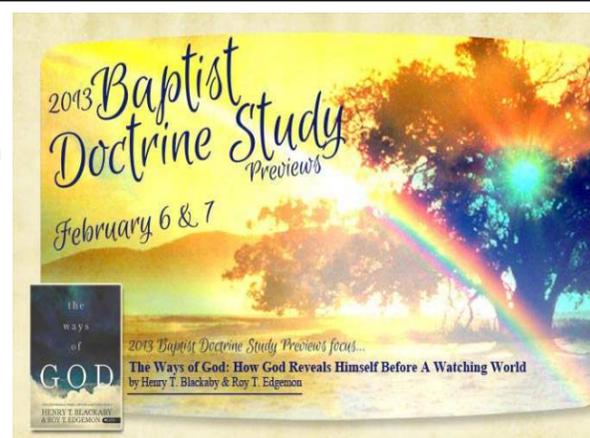
March 31 – April 6, 2013 – Mission Arlington. We will be partnering with this great mission organization to reach out to the people within the many apartment complexes in Arlington, doing backyard Bible clubs with children, and being a blessing to them in many diverse ways. This mission trip will be our way of extending the Gospel to "Judea and Samaria," outside our immediate context. The website for this event is www.missionarlington.org.

Over the summer, we are planning to take a trip to Greece. This will be our way of extending the Gospel to "the ends of the earth!" We are still in the process of determining dates for the trip, and we will know that information soon! Thank you all for your support, and please pray for us as we continue to seek God's will in all that we do!

Jonathan LaFleur, Nicholls BCM Director

Wednesday
February 6
9:30-11:45 am
NOBTS

Thursday
February 7
6-8:15 pm
LBC Building



MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS

The following are contributions received in December 2012

		YTD
Bayou Dularge	0.00	341.80
Bethel	0.00	400.00
Bourg	0.00	2,400.00
Calvary	362.95	2,454.62
Christ	284.20	5,485.39
Cornerstone	25.00	575.00
Coteau	1,039.66	15,160.33
Des Allemands	150.00	2,332.00
FBC, Golden Meadow	14.39	321.04
FBC, Grand Isle	662.86	2,792.06
FBC, Houma	0.00	42,500.00
FBC, Larose	0.00	0.00
FBC, Lockport	643.11	5,109.65
FBC, Napoleonville	401.00	4,770.00
FBC, Raceland	223.76	953.82
FBC, Thibodaux	282.00	4,720.00
Gibson	324.75	4,237.25
Grand Caillou	326.48	4,587.23
Larose Hispanic	0.00	0.00
Lighthouse	0.00	0.00
Little Caillou	109.36	1,121.51
Live Oak	0.00	1,770.00
Mechanicville	100.00	726.50
Montegut	0.00	830.32
Mulberry	1,501.75	10,606.82
Schriever	1,042.00	4,868.00
South Lafourche	0.00	363.00
Trinity	96.00	1,565.00
University	1,290.00	16,240.00
Valentine	64.10	915.73
Total Church Contributions	8,943.37	138,147.07

Building Note Balance

\$44,027.24

2012 Building fund gifts:
\$ 1,266.29

Have News?

We want to know what is happening at your church. Please send in special events, concerts, and any news event you would like to share with the Association. If we don't know we can't let others know!
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