

Bayou Baptist Association Team Meetings

Strengthening Ministries (Discipleship)
November 5 ~ 10:00 am, Association Office
Serving Ministries (Administrative)
November 26 ~ 6:00 pm, Association Office



NOVEMBER 18-19, 2012



November 5th ~ 6:30 p.m.
Coteau Baptist
Speaker: Nelda Seal

November

November 5 ~ Baptist Women World Day of Prayer
November 5 ~ Association Strengthening Ministries Meeting
November 12-13 ~ LBC Annual Meeting
November 18-20 ~ YEC
November 21-23 ~ Association Office closed
November 26 ~ Association Serving Ministries Meeting

Happy Birthday:

2 ~ Jerry Moser, Bayou Dularge
10 ~ Gary Hanberry, FBC Larose
17 ~ Dennis Blackwell, Lighthouse

Church Anniversaries:

Gary Hanberry, FBC Larose
Bob Eastwood, Schriever
Randall Gill, Little Caillou

Upcoming Events

December 2-9 ~ Week of Prayer for International Missions
December 14 ~ Association Pastor/Staff Christmas Fellowship
December 15-16 ~ Coteau, Christmas Musical
December 16 ~ First Baptist Houma, Christmas Musical, 6 pm
December 24 ~ Coteau, Candlelight Service

Please call the host church for more information.

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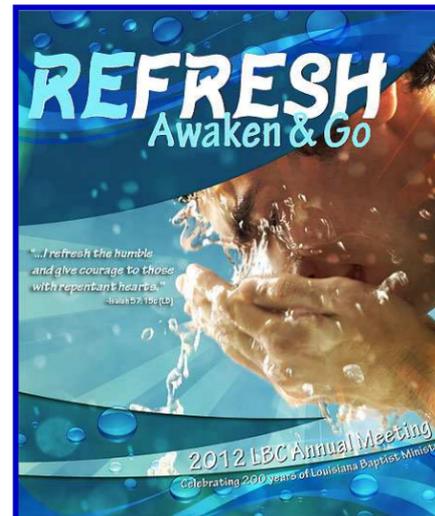


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The 165th Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Baptist Convention

NOVEMBER 12-13
FIRST BAPTIST
WEST MONROE



Bayou Baptist Association Pastor/Staff/Spouse Christmas Fellowship

December 14th ~ 6:30 pm
Coteau Baptist Church





Dear Ministry Partners,

I would like to wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving! I also want to take this opportunity to say Thank You to you and your church for supporting the Bayou Baptist Association during 2012 through your prayers, participation and financial support through your church budget. It has been a good year in so many ways and there is so much to be thankful for as the year comes to a close.

The good news is that because of your support we have been able to do many things together this year. Because of your support of the Association we were able to provide resources to help multiply the ministry of churches in the areas of Bible Study, Music, Evangelism, WMU, Men's ministry, Disaster Relief, Youth Ministry, Vacation Bible School and Missions. Through the partnership with the Louisiana Baptist Convention and the work of Randall & Tanya Gill we have started new work in the areas of Multi-Housing Ministry and Compassion/Community Ministry. We were able to support the ministries at Acadian Baptist Center in Eunice and the BCM ministry at Nichols. (Both of these ministries touch lives that many of us will never come in contact with.) We have been able to minister to churches that were going through difficult times hopefully helping them to become healthier churches.

Because of you and your churches support we again will be able to start new mission points of ministry and supplement existing mission ministries. I truly believe that missions begin at home. We have accepted the Acts 1:8 challenge on an Association level to reach people in our Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the Ends of the Earth and we appreciate you and your church partnering with us.

Again, Thank You for being a very important part of the ministry of the Bayou Baptist Association. If it were not for you and people like yourself and our churches we would not be able to carry on the ministry of the Bayou Baptist Association.

Let us never forget our purpose statement as an Association: "A family of Southern Baptist Churches and its missions, working together in harmony, to evangelize, disciple, and develop strong, healthy churches." Thank you for allowing me to serve with you as your Director of Missions. And if there is ever anything we can help you with, don't hesitate to call.

Bro. Joe



Ministry Spotlight

My mission trip to Salem, India was absolutely amazing! We stayed in the Servnlove Home for Children (an orphanage) that currently houses, educates, feeds and nurtures 9 beautiful and precious little girls. This picture is of Gracie, who was abandoned by her parents just because she was born female and not male. She is in need of a sponsor. Thanks to the WMU of the association, we were able to bring backpacks, toys and school supplies to the children. Delivering these items in person was such a joy and privilege that I treasure. We also visited a blind school, who are outcasts because of their disability. We helped with a Veterinary Clinic to de-worm and give flu shots to animals. These animals are the livelihood for most of the people in the villages; so to help them survive by making sure their animals are healthy, made a huge impact on the lost.

It is my desire to help engage people in your church in "hands on" international missions. If you or your church would like to hear more about my trip and ways to get involved in the orphanage, please contact me at afchhc@aol.com or 985-232-7034.

God Bless, Tanya Gill, Community Impact

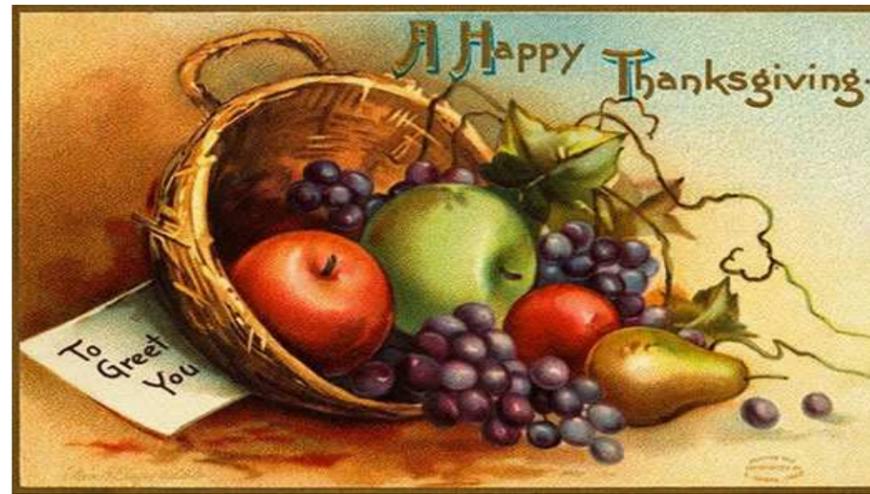
Community Impact

Dear Friends,

Tanya and I are about to conclude our first year here on the Bayou. We have had an amazing journey this year. We just concluded our annual meeting as an Association and I was blessed seeing how Bayou Baptist Association is stepping into the darkness and shining the light of the Gospel here in the South Louisiana. Community Impact has completed the following this year: Networked with 9 churches for outreach/impact ministry, 32 mobile food pantry sites, distributed 151,977 pounds of food, 7,540 touched with the Gospel, received 6 mission teams, seen 41 salvations, hosted 940 volunteers, and been a part of 10 Evangelism events throughout the parishes. Such interest has been kindled by the work of the ministry teams of Bayou Baptist Association. All of this would not be possible without your support, so thank you.

Community Impact will be traveling to Kenya Africa Nov, 20-30, 2012 for Evangelism outreach. Please pray for blinded eyes to be opened. I have traveled to various parts of South Louisiana to share about our Passion and Mission for reaching the unchurched in our Communities. I'm trusting 2013 will bring a great harvest of souls for the Kingdom. Please continue to pray for labors and open doors of opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. We look forward to what the Father will allow us to be part of in the future.

Honoring His Call, Randall



Hello from the Nicholls BCM!

We have been having an incredible Fall semester so far! It's hard to believe it's already midterm – oh how time flies when you're having fun, and now is a great time to be part of the Nicholls BCM. We have seen incredible growth this semester with an average of 175 students at our *Agape* free lunch program and an average of 60 at our *Merge* weekly worship service. That is almost double our averages from last semester! God has been good.

To me, ministry is not all about numbers – it's about discipleship. Are people truly walking with the Lord, helping others grow in their faith, and sharing the Gospel with others? It's not about numbers, but every number is important because every number is a soul, and praise God He is bringing souls into our ministry! Our students have been very mission-minded this semester, bathing everything in prayer, and pursuing opportunities to share their faith on campus.

With all of the excitement going on at the Nicholls BCM, we would like to help your church get involved! Here are some ways that your church can partner with the BCM:

- 1 – **Volunteer to serve lunch for our Agape lunch program on Wednesdays.** We are so thankful to the churches that have served us so faithfully over the years, and we can always have more help. If your church feels led to help us, let me know!
- 2 – **Have our students come to your church to lead a Disciple Now weekend for your youth group.** Disciple Now weekends are so instrumental in youth ministry, and our students have a reputation of doing quality work teaching for them. We would love to serve your youth group in this way!
- 3 – **Let us know about ministry opportunities in your church, whether paid or unpaid.** We have many students who are looking for opportunities to serve, several who feel called by God for vocational ministry. If your church needs childcare workers, youth interns, or anything else, let us know!
- 4 – **Make a visit!** Come and see for yourself what God is doing here! We would love to have you come and be our guest at *Merge*, our weekly worship service. You will get to meet our students and be part of our sweet fellowship.
- 5 – **Invite us to come to your church to share testimonies about the ministry.** If you would like us to come to your church on a Sunday morning, Sunday evening, or Wednesday evening, we would be more than happy to come and give a report about what God is doing. Our students love sharing testimonies about their faith in Christ and their involvement at the BCM.

If you would like to partner with us in any of these ways, you can reach me at 985-713-6404 (cell) or at jonathanmlafleur@yahoo.com. God bless you and your ministry!

-Jonathan LaFleur

MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS

The following are contributions received in October 2012

		YTD
Bayou Dularge	38.77	305.44
Bethel	0.00	400.00
Bourg	0.00	2,000.00
Calvary	403.05	2,091.67
Christ	417.85	4,847.80
Cornerstone	25.00	525.00
Coteau	1,173.39	13,019.59
Des Allemands	250.00	1,932.00
FBC, Golden Meadow	0.00	266.88
FBC, Grand Isle	209.70	1,968.55
FBC, Houma	0.00	42,500.00
FBC, Larose	0.00	0.00
FBC, Lockport	414.78	3,922.06
FBC, Napoleonville	358.00	3,864.00
FBC, Raceland	0.00	229.76
FBC, Thibodaux	491.00	4,045.00
Gibson	0.00	3,274.35
Grand Caillou	0.00	3,758.48
Larose Hispanic	0.00	0.00
Lighthouse	0.00	0.00
Little Caillou	147.40	885.92
Live Oak	638.00	1,770.00
Mechanicville	0.00	526.50
Montegut	97.73	791.92
Mulberry	775.41	8,512.13
Schriever	790.00	3,826.00
South Lafourche	0.00	363.00
Trinity	201.00	1,176.00
University	1,493.00	13,533.00
Valentine	69.35	719.98
Total Church Contributions	7,993.43	121,055.03

Building Note Balance

\$44,535.81

Building fund gifts ytd:
\$ 1,037.99

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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