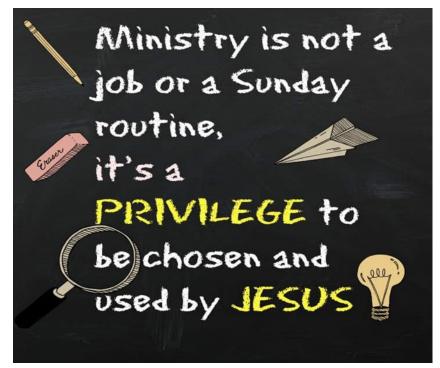


Every Tuesday you will receive information from our office from Bro. Joe, Louisiana Baptist Convention, the Baptist Message, etc. During this time of uncertainties, we want to serve you and your staff to the best of our resources and abilities. We will try to stay as brief as possible because we understand that your time is very valuable.





FAITH COMMUNITY CALL WITH GOVERNOR JOHN BEL EDWARDS

Faith leaders, you are invited to join Governor John Bel Edwards for an important conference call wherein information will be provided regarding the latest updates surrounding Covid-19 in Louisiana. Governor Edwards looks forward to connecting with you and hearing your most recent community updates concerning this extended period of Phase 2. Please dial in to the conference call line listed below.

CONFERENCE CALL THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2020 9:00 A.M.

Dial-in: (215)861-0674 Access Code: 198611

Psalm 46:1 ""God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."



If, for some reason, you were unable to join any of the ReGroup webinar sessions, the on-line recording is now available on the LBC website.

BAYOU BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING @ BBA OFFICE in Gray

MONDAY, AUGUST 24 @ 6:30 PM DESSERT WILL BE SERVED

The following are eligible to vote:

BBA Executive Board (consists of DOM, Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Discipleship Ministries Team, Missions Ministries Team, the Pastor and one layperson from each church and the messengers from each church)

* messengers per church:

Bayou Dularge-8 Bayou L'Ourse-10 Bethel-5

Bourg-5 Calvary-5 Christ-10

Cornerstone-5 Coteau-10 Crosspoint-5

Des Allemands-5 Golden Meadow-6 FBC Grand Isle-5 FBC Houma-10 FBC Larose-5 FBC Lockport-10

FBC Napoleonville-6 FBC Raceland-8 FBC Thibodaux-8

Gibson-5 Grand Caillou-9 Grace Community-5

Gulf Coast-5 Larose Hispanic-5 Live Oak-8
Mechanicville-5 Mulberry-9 Nueva Vida-5

Schriever-6 South Lafourche-5 Trinity-5

Revival Life-6 University-10

*Please note the number to the right of your church's name is the number of votes you are entitled to if your church is in good standing according to the BBA Constitution.



Dear Ministry Partners

I would like to challenge you and your church to be in special prayer for Acadian Baptist Center in Eunice, La. This time of pandemic has affected A.B.C. tremendously. The camp revenue is down 80% or about half a million dollars compared to last year. In March before the Covid virus took off the camp was up about 15%. But beginning in March the camp virtually shut down like many other camps and retreat centers. Except for a few private events everything was brought to a halt. They have had to lay off staff and all of the remaining staff have had to take pay cuts.

I share this with you because many of you and your churches have taken you children and youth to Acadian Baptist Center through the years. Many of our Pastors and staff have used their cabins for family retreats and times to refresh free of charge through the years. I would like for us as an Association to not only pray but step up and take action to help Acadian Baptist Center during these difficult times.

The August 16th ABC Day has come and gone but the need for funds for Acadian Baptist Center has not gone and the need is still there. Maybe your church can take a special offering for Acadian Baptist Center or send a special gift on behalf of your church. Anything you can do would be greatly appreciated by James Newsom, Camp Director, and the staff at A.B.C. Many of our Pastors, lay people and myself have served on the Executive Board for Acadian Baptist Center through the years.

I know we are all struggling financially but I believe God will bless us if we bless them.

(James or no one from A.B.C. asked me to do this I just believe it is the right thing to do.)





Mark Your Calendar

This year's E4 is set for <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>September 8</u>, <u>2020!</u>

H. B. Charles, Jr., Pastor of Shiloh Metropolitan Baptist Church of Jacksonville and Orange Park, Florida, will be our keynote speaker.

Breakout Session Leaders

Deron Biles, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX
Philip Caples, Louisiana College and FBC Harrisonburg, LA
Stewart Holloway, FBC Pineville, LA
Adam Hughes, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
Preston Nix, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
Dennis Phelps, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
Stephen Rummage Quail Springs Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, OK
Argile Smith, Parkway Baptist Church, Biloxi, MS

About E4

The E4 Preaching Conference began in 2009 as a collaboration between First Baptist Church Pineville, Louisiana College, the Louisiana Baptist Convention, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (Fort Worth) and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. The event is designed to equip, empower, and encourage pastors to preach biblical and anointed messages. At the same time, good preaching is exemplified through the keynote speakers.

Early Bird Rate through August 31

\$60 - Pastor only

(Save an additional \$10 as a group through your association)

\$80 - Pastor and Wife

(Save an additional \$20 as a group through your association)

\$20 - Student in College or Seminary

MISSION DIGNITY SUNDAY AUGUST 30, 2020



PROVIDE A GIFT OF DIGNITY

God's promise to provide for His faithful servants and our opportunity to act on that promise, are at the heart of the Mission Dignity ministry. Join us in extending God's care and compassion to His faithful servants—providing the comfort and dignity they deserve.

Mission Dignity currently helps almost 1,700 households by providing monthly income to qualified recipients and pays our more than \$7.5 million annually in assistance. The majority of the funding for this ministry comes from the direct gifts of individuals, groups and churches in our Southern Baptist family to the Mission Dignity ministry.

All gifts to Mission Dignity go to help those in need with nothing taken out for administrative expenses and are tax-deductible to the maximum amount allowed by law.

Read about who we help (https://www.missiondignity.org/WhoWeHelp) or

word of gratitude (https://www.missiondignity.org/WordsofGrattitude) from recipients

Mail gifts to:

Mission Dignity

Guidestone Financial Resources SBC

5005 LBJ Freeway, Ste, 2200

Dallas, TX 75244-6152

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

As we come to the end of August I hope you have participated in our summer Mission project for 2020. There is still time to put together <u>Disaster Buckets</u> with cleaning supplies and <u>Hygiene Bags</u> with basic hygiene supplies. Several of our churches have already dropped off their buckets and bags at the Association Office. We hope we won't need these items but it is predicted to be a very busy hurricane season in September and we need to be prepared.

If you have forgotten what goes in the buckets and bags you can contact the Association office at (985-868-7352 or bayoubaptistassn@bellsouth.net) and we can send you a list. It is not too late, please help us with these small projects this summer as we continue to prepare for the peak of hurricane season.





BIRTHDAY

3 - Cooper Everspaugh, Revival Life

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

1 - Mike & Teri Mathena, Grand Caillou

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

Steve Folmar, FBC Houma - 1999

CHURCH PLANNING GUIDES MAY BE ORDERED OR DOWNLOADED BY GOING TO:

LouisianaBaptists.org/church-planning-guide

You will find an order form to fill out and each guide is \$1.00



ACP - WHAT IS IT? ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILE

This is a time for you to testify about what your church has done in 2020

I will be sending your packets as soon as they are in. <u>You will be reporting only</u>
<u>From Sept. 2019 to Feb. 2020</u>

PROVIDENCE INSTITUTE 2020
WHAT EVERY PASTOR OUGHT TO KNOW
THURSDAY NIGHTS (SEPT. 17 - NOV. 19)
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
MATURITY/ MINISTRY/ MANAGEMENT

