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*Love knows no limit
to its endurance,
no end to its trust,
no fading of its hope;
it can outlast anything.
Love never fails.*

I Corinthians 13:7-8
Phillips

Bridging the Gap

Jerry W. Price, Associational Missionary
Glenda Suggs, Ministry Assistant

February 2012

People, Places and Events ...

- **Executive Board** of Morehouse Association meets on Thursday, February 2 at 7 P.M. at Oak Hill, Bastrop.
- **Retired Ministers** and spouses fellowship is Thursday, February 9 at 11:15 A.M. at Bayou Bistro, West Monroe. Meal is Dutch treat. This group meets on the second Thursday of each month. All retired pastors and ministers are invited.
- **Administrative Team** of Northeast Louisiana and Morehouse Baptist associations meets on Thursday, February 16 at 10 A.M. at the Baptist Association Center.
- **Pastor/Staff** Fellowship for Northeast Association is Monday, February 20 at 11:30 A.M. at Calvary, Monroe. The March fellowship is March 19 at Clark Springs, Eros.
- **Wave of Prayer on March 7**—10 A.M. in Anna Gray Noe Park in front of St. Francis Hospital, downtown Monroe and 12 NOON at the Bastrop Courthouse. Come and pray ... Everyone is invited!!

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

WORLD MOVIE PREMIERE
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2012
7P.M. FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH WEST MONROE
SHOWINGS CONTINUE DAILY THROUGH FEBRUARY 19
FOR A COMPLETE LISTING OR
TO PURCHASE TICKETS VISIT R2FILMS.COM

New HOPE

R² productions

R-SQUARED PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS RODNEY RAY FILM "NEW HOPE" SAMUEL DAVIS BEN DAVIES AND PERRY FROST
PRODUCED BY JILL RAY DIRECTED BY NEAL BRYANT COSTUME DESIGNER DARYL WOLGEMUTH EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS COLE PRINE BRUCE HEMBY AND KENNETH SUTTON EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS MIKE LEGGETT
WRITTEN BY CHRISTINA PORTER PRODUCED BY RODNEY RAY AND JILL RAY DIRECTED BY RODNEY RAY

What is *New Hope*? A feature-length movie filmed exclusively in Ouachita Parish by local production company R-Squared Productions who brought us *Flag of My Father*. With topics including peer pressure, alcohol, suicide, relationships and acceptance, *New Hope* captures the life of the modern teenager.

Where can I see it? *New Hope* will be shown at First Baptist Church, West Monroe. There will be a limited number of screenings with the Premiere on Friday, February 10 at 7 P.M. Showings will continue through Sunday, February 19.

How do I get tickets? Tickets are available from the R-Squared office at 1309 Louisville Avenue, Monroe or online at www.R2films.com. Except for the Premiere, most tickets are \$10. Special offers are available, check the website for details.

Where can I learn more about *New Hope*? Contact R-Squared Productions at 318.323.6900 or visit the website at www.R2films.com.

From the Associational Missionary, Jerry W. Price



It is hard to believe that 11 months ago we moved into our new Associational Center. God has truly blessed our associational partnership with an outstanding facility designed to serve the needs of our churches for generations to come. As I look back over 2011, I am amazed at the progress we have made in our two associations in providing training, encouraging fellowship, and working for the expansion of God's kingdom.

It is through the continued faithfulness of our participating churches that our associations carry out our various ministries. By supporting your associations we were able to multiply the ministries of our churches by providing resources for Vacation Bible School, training for Disaster Relief volunteers, assistance for pastors with financial and retirement issues, and supply instruction and fellowship for church secretaries/ministry assistants as well as other vital church ministries. With the resources that you provide to the association, we touch the lives of students at the ULM-BCM and Northeast Baptist School. We make an impact in our communities with ministries such as Ray of Hope in Ouachita Parish and the newly formed Care & Hope Ministry in Morehouse Parish. It is exciting to see God at work in Northeast Louisiana.

Entering into 2012, I want to challenge each church to consider increasing the level of support given to the association. Can you imagine what we could do together for God's kingdom if each church moved from a specified monthly gift to a percentage gift of at least 1 to 2 percent of undesignated receipts? Some of our churches are already giving at this level or more and to you we say **Thank You!** Others provide little or no financial support; and to you we say, please be found faithful in giving to the association in the coming year. With the privilege of membership comes the responsibility of stewardship. Your associational leadership is trusting the Lord for an amazing year in 2012. With your church's help, we can achieve so much more for God's glory.

R. David Terry Offering for 2011

\$37,687.97

(as of closing of books for December)

Gifts currently being received for the R. David Terry Offering are being applied to the principal on the loan for our new facility.

Thank you for giving!

Congratulations on your February anniversary!

- ✠ **Kathy Bell**, worship assistant ~ 7 years ~ First, West Monroe
- ✠ **Gayle Bradshaw**, administrative assistant ~ **25 years** ~ First, Calhoun
- ✠ **Melinda Chapman**, secretary ~ 9 years ~ New Chapel Hill, West Monroe
- ✠ **Susie Clark**, financial secretary ~ 11 years ~ North Monroe, Monroe
- ✠ **Gordon "Skip" Dean**, pastor ~ 21 years ~ Highland, West Monroe
- ✠ **Greg Duncan**, music minister ~ 6 years ~ Bethel, West Monroe
- ✠ **Donna Goodman**, secretary ~ 1 year ~ Cherry Ridge, Bastrop
- ✠ **Gary Guice**, music minister ~ 8 years ~ Bonita Road, Bastrop
- ✠ **Cody Keys**, student worship leader/collegiate pastor ~ 1 year ~ First, West Monroe
- ✠ **Mindy LeBlanc**, children and preschool music and curriculum assistant ~ **5 years** ~ First, West Monroe
- ✠ **Greg Massey**, music minister ~ 6 years ~ Peniel, West Monroe
- ✠ **James Moffett**, pastor ~ 13 years ~ Pine Grove, Bastrop
- ✠ **Jared Peters**, minister of discipleship and students ~ 4 years ~ Fair Park, West Monroe
- ✠ **Jerry W. Price**, associational missionary ~ **10 years** ~ Northeast and Morehouse Baptist associations
- ✠ **Willie Jean Shields**, financial secretary ~ 22 years ~ Highland, West Monroe
- ✠ **Robin Thomas**, worship associate ~ 28 years ~ First, W. Monroe
- ✠ **Lanny Turner**, music minister ~ 6 years ~ Parkview, Monroe
- ✠ **Keith Walker**, administrator ~ 4 years ~ First, Bastrop



North American Mission Study

Monday, March 5

10:30 A.M. or 6:30 P.M.

(class repeats)

Baptist Association Center

Everyone is invited!

Baptist Collegiate Ministry at ULM ... by Angie Sheppard, associate director

It is our goal at the ULM BCM to teach students to live a missional life. By that I mean, we are trying to instill in them that missions is not just a "trip" or a "project", it is a lifestyle. We encourage students to see their daily lives as their mission field and the students they sit by every day in class not just as someone they can borrow notes from, but as someone whom they can encourage and share Christ with. We encourage them to serve locally by participating in an apartment ministry in Monroe with underprivileged kids and through other various local projects. We participated in a trip to New Orleans over the Christmas break where we helped serve the homeless and local churches.



We have planned two international trips this summer to help them catch a vision for how big God truly is and how He is working faithfully and mightily with "the least of these" all around the world. Sometimes people ask me why we take students out of the country to do missions when there is so much to be done where we live. The short theological answer to that question is because God said so. Acts 1:9 doesn't say to go into Jerusalem or Judea or Samaria or the ends of the earth, it says to go into all of them. One of my greatest joys in life is watching that light come on inside a student when they learn something new about the Lord's character. As a college minister I get to see that moment when knowledge becomes faith ... the moment where they go from knowing that God cares about the least of these to actually seeing Him provide for the daily needs of orphans and refugees ... the moment they move from knowing God has called them to go on a mission trip that cost \$3,000 to actually seeing him provide for them financially beyond their wildest dreams ... the moment where they go from knowing that the Lord requires obedience to finding joy in being obedient.

I share all of this with you because we want you to be a part of what the Lord is doing to mold these students into who he wants them to be. We are asking for your prayers. For a college student who makes \$100 a week at a part time job and lives off Ramen noodles, raising \$3000 for a mission trip seems like an impossible task. Please pray for their faith to be strengthened and for their sense of how the Lord provides generously for them to be increased during the fundraising process. Please pray for their hearts and minds as some of them have never flown before and are nervous and scared, but determined to answer the call the Lord has placed on them to serve this summer.

As always, we are grateful for your support of the ULM BCM.



Morehouse Association

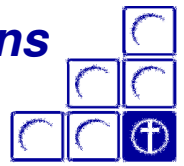
Prayer Walk

March 10 10 A.M.

Cherry Ridge Baptist Church

Come and Pray!!

Kingdom Connections



Jerusalem, Calhoun—Welcome to Don J. White, pastor! He comes to our area from Texas.

Cherry Ridge, Bastrop—Welcome to Zach Anderson, family life minister!

Bayou Oaks, Monroe—Welcome to Shawn Downhour, student minister!

North Monroe, Monroe—Welcome to Angela Mosher, music secretary!

First, West Monroe—Quinn Stanfill resigned as worship pastor to accept a position at First Baptist Church, Texarkana, Texas.

Cherry Ridge, Bastrop—Part time Music Minister needed. Send resumes to 1005 Cherry Ridge Rd., Bastrop LA 71220.

Positions Available ...

Pastor—*Northeast:* Bethel, McClendon, Parkview

Morehouse: Collinston, Grace, White Avenue

Music—*Northeast:* Bayou Oaks, Cedar Crest, Emmanuel, First Sterlington, Lighthouse, Victory

Morehouse: Cherry Ridge, White Avenue

Youth—*Northeast:* Agape Bible, Bethel, First Calhoun, New Hope, Oak Grove

Deadline to submit church news is the 15th of the month prior to publication (i.e. February 15 for March newsletter). News can be emailed, faxed or called in to the association office.

With Sympathy

Love and sympathy are extended to Jerry and Suzanne Price and family in the death of Jerry's father, Winston Price. Jerry serves as associational missionary for Northeast and Morehouse Baptist associations.

Urgent need for Foster Parents ... Baptist Children's Home will help!

There is an urgent need for foster parents in our area, especially for infants, preschoolers and teenagers. Would you please help us get the word out to your church family?

We believe there are couples in our churches who would respond to God's call to serve as foster parents if they knew of the great need and the opportunity for your Louisiana Baptist Children's Home to help them. Please have anyone with interest or questions to contact Beth Green at the Baptist Children's Home at 318.343.2244 or email her at beth@lbch.org.

Look what's happening ... Details inside!

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

- Fellowships offer encouragement
- Foster Parents urgently needed
- Kingdom Connections—*Churches welcome new staff!*
- *New Hope* movie Premiere
- North American Mission Study
- Opportunities to serve
- Prayer Walk in Morehouse Association
- Wave of Prayer—March 7 at 10 A.M. and 12 NOON

Events to remember ...

Morehouse Association

February 2012

- 2 Morehouse Executive Board meeting, 7:00 P.M., Oak Hill Baptist Church, Bastrop
- 9 Retired Ministers and Wives Fellowship, 11:15 A.M., Bayou Bistro, West Monroe
- 13-19 Focus on WMU
- 16 Administrative Team meeting, 10:00 A.M., Association Center, Monroe

March 2012

- 4-11 Week of Prayer for North American Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- 7 Wave of Prayer, 12 NOON, Courthouse, Bastrop
- 8 Retired Ministers and Wives Fellowship, 11:15 A.M., Bayou Bistro, West Monroe
- 10 Prayer Walk, 10 A.M., Cherry Ridge, Bastrop
- 11-14 Revival at Cherry Ridge, Bastrop
- 27 Bivocational Pastors/Wives Fellowship, 6:30 P.M., Pine Hills, West Monroe

Northeast Association

February 2012

- 9 Retired Ministers and Wives Fellowship, 11:15 A.M., Bayou Bistro
- 13-19 Focus on WMU
- 16 Administrative Team meeting, 10:00 A.M., Association Center, Monroe
- 20 Pastor/Staff Fellowship, 11:30 A.M., Calvary, Monroe

March 2012

- 4-11 Week of Prayer for North American Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- 7 Wave of Prayer, 10 A.M., Anna Gray Noe Park, Monroe (in front of St. Francis Hospital downtown).
- 8 Retired Ministers and Wives Fellowship, 11:15 A.M., Bayou Bistro, West Monroe
- 10 M-JAM, Ridge Avenue, West Monroe
- 19 Pastor/Staff Fellowship, 11:30 A.M., Clark Springs, Eros
- 27 Bivocational Pastors/Wives Fellowship, 6:30 P.M., Pine Hills, West Monroe

Louisiana Baptist Convention

February 2012

- 4 Kaleidoscope, First, Pineville
- 6-7 Consultants Training 2012, Tall Timbers
- 10-11 Collegiate Evangelism Conference, First, Pineville
- 13-19 Focus on WMU
- 18 Children's Ministry Day
- 28 State WMU Council meeting, Baptist Building

March 2012

- 4-10 Youth Week
- 4-11 Week of Prayer for North American Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- 9-10 Louisiana Baptist Music/Drama Festival, Calvary, Alexandria
- 10 M-JAM, Ridge Avenue, West Monroe
- 23-24 WMU Missions Celebration/Annual Meeting, Sale Street, Lake Charles

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