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A Bridge to Missions

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**Shout for joy to the
Lord all the earth.
Worship the Lord
with gladness;
Come before him
with joyful songs.**

Psalm 100:1-2

Bridging the Gap

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

January 2011

Vacation Bible School Preview
LifeWay's

Big Apple Adventure

Saturday, January 22

10:00 A.M.

VBS Directors, Pastors, Education Ministers
and Age Group Leaders are invited!

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Celebrate Jesus

2011 Tour

MONROE, LOUISIANA
Ouachita High School Auditorium

Friday and Saturday
January 14 and 15, 2011

Artist Lineup

Friday at 7 P.M.—Gold City, McKameys, Perrys, Guy Penrod and Karen Peck and New River

Saturday at 6 P.M.—Jeff and Sheri Easter, Triumphant Quartet, Ernie Haase & Signature Sound, Talley Trio and Aaron Wilburn

Tickets: VIP – \$23.50 Floor – \$21.50 Balcony – \$17.50
Children under 13: \$6.00 each

For every 10 tickets purchased per night, receive 2 additional FREE tickets for that night

Tickets available by phone at 1.888.205.6723.

Major credit cards accepted. Additional \$2 handling fee charged.
Tickets will also be available at the LifeWay Christian Store in Monroe.

From the Associational Missionary, Jerry W. Price



The year 2011 promises to be one of the most exciting times in the history of Morehouse and Northeast Louisiana Baptist Associations. Early in the year, we will move into the new facility the Lord has providentially provided for us. Our churches have faithfully committed the necessary resources to complete the building process, and we enter into a new phase of associational ministry. From the onset of the project, the vision was cast for a facility equipped in such a way as to provide a genuine Missions and Ministry Center with the capability to house new church starts, host fellowship events, and equip our churches to be good stewards of the Gospel mandate. The central location is ideal for both associations to expand our partnership to include in-house training events, area-wide strategy planning, and a multitude of activities to encourage church leaders to excel in their God-assigned tasks. It is the desire of your associational leadership to make this facility available to all of our churches and to provide practical assistance to help each church reach its goals and fulfill its part in the expansion of the Kingdom of God.

Our contractor says we are still on schedule for a late January move-in date. Shortly after the move, we will be planning a dedication service and open house. Wouldn't it be amazing if every church could be represented at this event? We have prayed, planned, and prepared for this day. The Lord has richly blessed us in the northeast section of Louisiana, and the witness of our cooperating Southern Baptist churches will be evidenced in our new location. Be watching for the announcement of the dedication service in a future edition of the *Bridging the Gap* newsletter. Praise the Lord for His goodness toward us!

Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.
Ephesians 3:20-21

People, Places and Events ...

- **Bivocational / Small Church Pastors** and spouses are invited to a dinner and fellowship on Thursday, January 20 at 6:30 P.M. at South Side Baptist Church, 7612 Old Monroe Rd., Bastrop. Meal provided.
- **Attention Secretaries:** One of the State Regional Secretary Conferences will be held in Monroe this year!! Mark your calendar now for **Thursday, March 3**. This one day event will feature Sandra Sartor, LifeWay Ministry Assistant Consultant as speaker and conference leader. There will be a small cost of \$35 per person which covers lunch and all materials. The event will be held at our new association center. Watch for details!!

Congratulations on your January anniversary!

- ✦ **Vicki Arthur**, youth minister ~ 12 years ~ McClendon, West Monroe
- ✦ **Julie Cappel**, children's minister ~ 3 years ~ New Chapel Hill, West Monroe
- ✦ **Lynne Carter**, education and discipleship administrator ~ 13 years ~ First, West Monroe
- ✦ **Greg Clark**, pastor ~ 13 years ~ Cedar Crest, West Monroe
- ✦ **Trey Guillory**, youth minister ~ 4 years ~ Lakeshore, Monroe
- ✦ **Dawn Holder**, worship assistant ~ 10 years ~ First, West Monroe
- ✦ **Whit Holmes**, pastor ~ 6 years ~ Parkview, Monroe
- ✦ **Paul Lytle**, pastor ~ 19 years ~ Jackson Street Mission
- ✦ **Wanda Matlock**, secretary ~ 2 years ~ Loch Arbor, Monroe
- ✦ **Diane Moore**, secretary ~ 9 years ~ First, Bastrop
- ✦ **Susie Nuner**, secretary ~ 5 years ~ Highland Park, Monroe
- ✦ **Lindle Stewart**, pastor ~ 7 years ~ New Light, Monroe
- ✦ **Stan Taylor**, music minister ~ 21 years ~ Highland, West Monroe
- ✦ **David Willis**, education and music minister ~ 3 years ~ College Place, Monroe
- ✦ **Norma Wilson**, Project HELP assistant ~ 5 years ~ First, West Monroe
- ✦ **Vickie Wood**, youth minister ~ 3 years ~ Clark Springs, Eros
- ✦ **Chris Wright**, pastor ~ 2 years ~ Grace, Bastrop

To have your anniversary included, please contact the Association Office at 322.6760 or email baptrmiss@aol.com.



January 19 – April 6

Wednesdays at 5:30 P.M. in Room A124
First Baptist Church, 500 Pine St, West Monroe
Park and enter on the North 3rd Street entrance - signs will direct you to the room

This 11-week GriefShare session is a Christ-centered, Biblically-based program—part seminar/part share group. There is no charge for the session, but an optional workbook containing sheets which follow the videos and a daily *On Your Own* Bible study is available to aid you through your journey.

Praise be to the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

For more information, contact the Pastoral Care Ministry at 318.398-9101.

Baptist Collegiate Ministry at ULM

by Todd Strain, director

In Isaiah 43:18-19, the Lord tells Israel, "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" In 2 Corinthians 5:17, Paul tells us, "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" From these verses, we know that God is about doing something new and fresh in our lives, changing us more and more into the image of His Son. As we consider the new year, we are excited about the new and fresh things God has for college students at ULM beginning later this month as the spring semester begins. Would you please join me in praying that God would do something new and lasting on our campus and in students' lives? Please pray for true awakening!

Related to collegiate ministry, the Collegiate Evangelism Conference (aka CEC) will be on February 4 – 5, 2011 at Kingsville Baptist Church in Pineville. Please consider bringing a group from your church to the conference. Michael Kelley, author of *Tough Sayings of Jesus I & II* Bible study, among other things, will be our speaker and Phil Wickham will lead in musical worship. Also, high school juniors and seniors are welcome at CEC and the first 250 high school juniors/seniors to register get into the conference free! Go to www.ceclouisiana.com for more info.

Once again, I thank you for your continued support of the BCM. We have 7 associations and 20+ churches that contribute financially either monthly or annually to our ministry. For that, we are grateful. If your church would like to begin contributing monthly or annually to reach college students for Christ through the BCM, we would welcome your generosity!

Happy New Year!



With Sympathy

Love and sympathy are extended to Elaine Clark and family in the death of her mother, Mozelle "Zelle" Clark. Elaine serves as secretary at Cherry Ridge, Bastrop.

Preschool has expanded at Northeast Baptist School

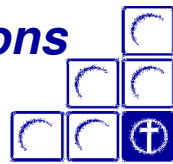


What a great way to begin school by learning God's Word and God's ways while playing, sharing, and singing! This worthwhile investment in the future of your child happens at Northeast Baptist School. In November, classes were expanded to open more opportunities to the families who want Christian education for their preschoolers. Preschool

Director, Lisa Navarro, explains, "Because of the requests we have received, we have expanded our preschool. The rates are very reasonable, the care is wonderful, and the learning is exceptional. This school is a ministry to the students who attend and their families."

Call 318.325.2077 for a tour of the school and more details!

Kingdom Connections



Lighthouse, Monroe—Welcome to Kevin McLeod, pastor! Kevin also serves as manager of the LifeWay Store.

Highland Park, Monroe—Welcome to Wesley Coleman, youth minister!

Oak Grove, Eros—Jarrett Fix will be ordained to the Gospel Ministry on January 16. The Ordination Council will meet at 3 P.M. with the Ordination Service beginning at 4 P.M. A reception will follow the service. Everyone is invited.

Mt. Vernon, West Monroe—Congratulations to Chris Trombatore who was ordained to the Gospel Ministry on December 5.

Brownville, West Monroe—Marcelle Ronquille resigned as pastor.

Oak Grove, Eros—Revival services are planned for January 2 – 5 with Joe Aulds leading. Service times are 11 A.M. and 6 P.M. on Sunday and 7 P.M. on Monday through Wednesday. Everyone is invited!

Agape Bible, West Monroe—The church is hosting Financial Peace University. The free preview class is Sunday, January 23 at 5:30 P.M. in the fellowship hall. Classes begin Sunday, February 6 at 5:30 P.M. For more details, call 318.396.1249 or email abc2208@comcast.net.

Positions Available ...

Pastor—*Northeast*: Bethel, Center Point, College Place, First Monroe, McClendon

Morehouse: Bethel, Bonita, Collinston, Oak Ridge, White Avenue

Music—*Northeast*: Bayou Oaks, Cedar Crest, Clark Springs, First Monroe, First Sterlington, Lighthouse, Loch Arbor, Victory

Morehouse: Antioch, Cherry Ridge, Faith, First Bastrop, White Avenue

Youth—*Northeast*: Agape Bible, Lighthouse, New Chapel Hill, New Light

Morehouse: Cherry Ridge, Faith

Pastor available ...

East Texas pastor has inherited a home in West Monroe and desires to find a church to pastor in that general area so he and his wife can live in their home. If interested, contact Rev. Jim Wolfe at 214.850.0681.

Address changes requested ...

Have you moved recently or are you planning to move? Don't forget to include the association office when letting others know about your address change. Call the office at 318.322.6760 and give us your new mailing address. Each time a newsletter is returned to us, it costs the association 44 cents. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

Events to Remember ...

Morehouse Association

January 2011

- 13 Hope 2012 Planning Meeting, 6:00 P.M., First, Bastrop
- 20 Small Church/Bivocational Pastors and Wives Fellowship, 6:30 P.M., South Side Baptist Church, Bastrop
- 22 VBS Preview, 10:00 A.M., Baptist Association Office, 308 Pine Street, West Monroe

February 2011

- 11-18 Operation Heavenly Vision Mission Trip to Belize

Northeast Association

January 2011

- 13 Retired Ministers fellowship, 11:15 A.M., Bayou Bistro
- 13 Finance Committee meeting, 2:00 P.M., Baptist Association Office, 308 Pine Street, West Monroe
- 17 Executive Board, 10:30 A.M., Victory, Monroe
- 17 Pastor/Staff Fellowship, 11:30 A.M., Victory, Monroe
- 20 Church Prayer Ministry—**Pray for Emmanuel Hispanic, Bosco, Grace, New Light, Memorial, Hope Alive! and Ray of Hope Ministry**
- 20 WMU Quarterly Meeting, 11:30 A.M., New Light, Monroe
- 20 Small Church/Bivocational Pastors and Wives Fellowship, 6:30 P.M., South Side Baptist Church, Bastrop
- 22 VBS Preview, 10:00 A.M., Baptist Association Office, 308 Pine Street, West Monroe

February 2011

- 10 Retired Ministers fellowship, 11:15 A.M., Bayou Bistro
- 17 Church Prayer Ministry—**Pray for Lighthouse, Calvary, First Swartz and Loch Arbor**
- 21 Pastor/Staff Fellowship, 11:30 A.M., Peniel, West Monroe

Event Note: Ropin' for the Redeemer listed in the Planning Guide for February 5 – 6, 2011 has been canceled.

Louisiana Baptist Convention

January 2011

- 3 Honor Choir registration begins
- 2-5 January Bible Study
- 8 Pre-Teen Invasion, Pineville
- 10-11 Baptist Doctrine Study Preview 2011: Shreveport, Alexandria, and Baton Rouge
- 11 Louisiana Baptist All State Youth Choir Auditions, Monroe
- 16 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
- 21-22 Bible Drill Training Retreat, Tall Timbers
- 24-25 LBC Evangelism Conference, Broadmoor, Shreveport
- 25 LBREA Winter Meeting 2011, Evangelism Conference
- 25 Senior Adult Luncheon 2011, Evangelism Conference

February 2011

- 5 Keyboard Festival, West Monroe
- 5 Kaleidoscope, First, Pineville
- 14-20 Focus on WMU
- 18-19 Bivocational One Day Impact Pastors Conference, Tall Timbers
- 18-19 Disaster Relief Roundtable and Appreciation Banquet, Temple, Ruston
- 19 Children's Ministry Day
- 25-26 Church Music Conference, Louisiana College, Pineville
- 25-26 Drama Festival, Louisiana College, Pineville

For details or to verify status of LBC events, call 1.800.622.6549 or log on to www.lbc.org.

Progress on Missions and Ministry Center Continues ...
Additional concrete work on the parking lot has been completed. Kitchen cabinets have been installed. Heating and air conditioning units are installed. Electricity is now on! Painting and ceiling tile installation continues.



Building to Serve

**2010 Gifts to the
R. David Terry Offering**

\$55,294.62
(as of December 15)

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Happy New Year!

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