

Near and Far

A Newsletter for Bienville and Webster-Claiborne Baptist Associations



PARTNERSHIP MISSIONS

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May News



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Our Director of Missions / Associational Missions Strategist Search Committee nominated Jeff Hoffman, current pastor of First Baptist Arcadia, as the new Director of Missions. The committee reported to the Executive Boards of Bienville and Webster-Claiborne Baptist Associations on April 22 and requested that both associations' executive boards meet at Camp Harris on May 6 to take the official vote. The boards met, voted to call Jeff, and then joined in a commissioning dedication prayer.

Pastor Jeff has served 25 years at First Arcadia. He is a proven pastor, church planter, and chaplain. I personally feel after hearing the Search Committee report and talking with Bro. Jeff that God issued a definite call and the Holy Spirit had been at work guiding the committee and preparing Pastor Jeff for this service.

I will remain at my current status through July 1st. Pastor Jeff will begin August 1. It has been a blessing serving as your DOM. I know you will extend to Jeff and his family the same grace, love, and partnership you extended to my family. I believe God has great things in store for our associations as Pastor Jeff takes on the responsibilities of your new Associational Missions Strategist.

Your servant,

Bro. Randy

Monday, May 6th, a special joint Executive Board for Webster-Claiborne & Bienville met to vote on our new Associational Mission Strategist (DOM), Jeff Hoffman. Jeff and his wife Angela are pictured left. Members of the Search Committee are pictured right. Cindy Walker, Terry Hughes, Bruce Bratton, James "Face" Lovell, Stephen Beard, Jeff, Angela, Jerry Martin, & Jeanne Wiggins. Not pictured Stan Foster.



Annual Bienville Men's Rally was held in April, Greg Dunn spoke and Wayne Bridges led music.



CAMP HARRIS UPDATE:

Camp Harris is getting ready for Summer Camp! We have already maxed out one KIDZ camp but there is still room in the Last Chance Kidz and the Boys and Girls of Courage Camps. We have plenty of room in either youth camp for your group, and it is going to be crazy!!! We have done some exciting upgrades in a couple of areas and can't wait for you to see them. We really want to see a new swimming pool by the summer of 2025, and by 2026 we want to be pushing strong toward a new dining facility, but we will need to raise around \$200,000.00 for the new pool (Estimate pending and will update as information comes in). We just hosted the other state camps last week and, as always, learned so much from them. God is doing great things with Camp Harris, and we hope all our associational churches will join Him, and us, as we prepare Camp Harris for many more Kingdom Encounters with His people. Come to our website harrisbaptist-camp.com and see how you can partner with Camp Harris in doing the Kingdom Work God has given us all. Come and be a Camp Harris Hero. Camp Harris currently has registration open for all camps and retreats coming up! Thank You for praying for our Spring Golf Tournament on April 27th, it was a beautiful day and we raised almost \$4000.00. We have big plans for 2025, include a very large prize for a hole-in-one shot and a different Golf Course to test your skills!

-Harry from Camp Harris
Harrisbaptistcamp.com

Calvary, Homer is having *Summer Singing Sunday Nights* starting May 19th at 6pm. Signed, Sealed, and Delivered will be performing.

STAFF NEEDS

Alabama—*Pastor*
 Rocky Springs—*Youth Director*
 Unity, Cotton Valley—*Music Minister*
 FBC Doyline—*Pastor*
 Bistineau—*Pastor*
 Pilgrims Rest—*Pastor*
 FBC, Haynesville—*Pastor*
 Central, Springhill—*Youth Pastor, Bi-Vo*
 Heflin—*Youth Pastor, PT*
 Emmanuel, Minden—*Music Minister*
 FBC, Arcadia—*Pastor, FT*

Brother Randy has training materials for Minister-Search Committees.
 Please send resumes to the associational office or direct to the church. Also send notices of staff vacancies you want us to announce.

“Kingdom Builders”

if interested in using your carpentry skills in ministry.

Call or text Randy Ray
 318-312-0884 or email at rray1.ch@gmail.com

Get ready for your events

Reserve our *Updated* Party Trailer

Call the office to reserve at
 318-377-3005.

Don't Forget the cost is \$25.00

We have made some updates thanks to Harry and Camp Harris staff!!!



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Randy Ward, Truck-Stop Chaplain

Bible Distribution 2024
 20,000 bibles distributed and counting!!!



Bible Distribution

Love's	154
Dixie Inn	143
Total Bibles	297

If you would like to donate funds for this ministry, call us at the Mission Center.

UPDATES CAN BE FOUND @ WBCCENTER.COM

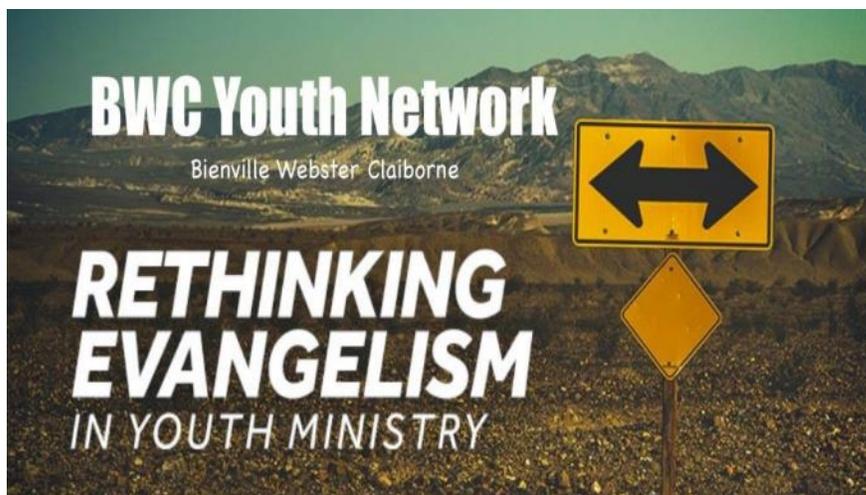
May

- 2 Families of Courage, Camp Harris
- 6 *Special Associational Meeting at Camp Harris 6PM to vote on the new DOM/AMS Jeff Hoffman*
- 19 Summer Singing Sunday Nights, Calvary, Homer @ 6pm
- 24 Camp Harris Fourth Weekend Fellowship

June

- 24 Executive Board Meeting
 Webster-Claiborne, MMC, 10:45am
 Bienville, Bryceland, 6pm

* Randy Hales retirement on July 1, 2024.



We can help your students participate with other groups and share ideas with youth leaders.

BWC Leader, Aaron Coffey

**No Events till August!
 Have a great summer!**

Join us!

See BWC Youth Network on Facebook for schedules and events.

Insurance Crisis: Please lead your church to take action to help Louisiana Baptists and other non-profits who are facing this crisis.

Many of you have experienced the recent insurance problems facing our state. Camp Harris, my office, and several churches had their insurance canceled last year and scrambled to find someone to write us. Many more will experience the same soon. As a result there is basically only one carrier in the state that provides church coverage and their rates are spiraling upward. The deductions and costs for the new policies are making many to question if they can afford insurance.

Due to this crisis, Dr. Horn, our Louisiana Baptist Director, initiated an effort with other denominations and other non-profit institutions to petition the state of Louisiana to allow an alternative. This alternative was granted and we have a year to get information together to design a self funded program. Gallagher insurance that specialize in non-profits is being used to gather information.

Please help your fellow churches to gather data. By submitting data you are not making a commitment or signing up for anything. The information will be used to build information that will make it possible for alternative policies to be offered to non-profits. To gather this information a simple request form is available. You have the option to go to your present carrier to get the information or to give permission to Gallagher to get it for you. **Even if you don't think you need an alternative insurance right now, please submit the information anyway. Our crisis is only going to get worse and one day you may want that alternative.**

You can go to this site for the form. We can make a copy of the form if you need.

<https://louisianabaptists.org/insurance>.

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Rolling Hills Drop Off Building is located behind our Mission Center. We accept anything except for mattresses. The building has a lock. You can call the number posted on the door 24 hours a day to get the combination. Thank you for your gifts.

Rolling Hills Natchitoches has opened at 400 University Pkwy across from the college.



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Luke 12:27 "Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. . .