

## SEPTEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER, NL25.9.1

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### Letter from our Associational Missions Strategist, Jeff Hoffman

Xi Jinping (China's leader) along with Kim Jong-un (North Korean Leader) and Russian President Vladimir Putin, and other leaders including Iran and Pakistan led a crowd through Beijing as they prepared for a military parade seemingly to try to establish a new world order as reported by the mainstream media on September 3, 2025. It is another news story that can cause fear and anxiety. The days in which we live can be unsettling and bring on a sense of despair. This is true not only for our culture but for the church. We see the decline and less emphasis on spiritual things. The world seems to be out of control, and our church response has not been seemingly up to the task.

Reminders of the last days are spoken of in Scripture. Matthew 24:9 records the words of Jesus, "then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted and shall kill you and ye shall be hated of all nations for my names sake..." and also in verse 44, "Therefore be ye ready; for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."

So what are we to do and how are we to prepare? It is during these times that the Word of God is imperative. Not only to read it, but to study it, believe it, live it, and to share it. We know that we are near the last days. We know the church will decline and many will fall away (1 Timothy 4:1) and that few will be saved (Matthew 7:13-14). However, there will be a remnant of the church, and those who endure to the end will be saved (Matthew 24:13). We have the sweet presence of the Holy Spirit to be with us during the most difficult times. Our preparation needs to be focused on the things above and not on things of the earth (Colossians 3:2).

As we think about faithfulness to the Kingdom of God and the stewardship of our time, it will behoove us to think about the direction of our lives.... where we spend our time and how we spend our resources. Joshua Becker is the author of the book Things That Matter, and quotes Seneca the Younger a Roman philosopher born about the same time as Jesus of Nazareth. Seneca said, "It is not that we have a short time to live, but that we waste a lot of it. Life is long enough, and a sufficiently generous amount has been given to us for the highest achievements if it were all well invested. But when it is wasted in heedless luxury and spent on no good activity, we are forced at last by death's final constraint to realize that it has passed away before we knew it was passing. So it is: we are not given a short life but we make it short, and we are not ill-supplied but wasteful of it... Life is long if you know how to use it."

It is important for us to remember what Jesus said in Matthew 16:18, "And I say unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." This is a powerful reminder that the church will survive and continue to have as its mission the glory of God. It is my prayer that we can focus on being faithful to the end and pray the prayer of Jesus, "Not my will, but Thy will be done."

Serving with you,

Bro. Jeff



Camp Harris Ex. Board Meet.



Cars lined up for FBC, Arcadia Food Distribution Ministry.

Louisiana WMU President, Phyllis Rodgers speaking @ Ex. Bd.



Combined August Executive Board Meeting @ FBC Arcadia, David Abernathy speaking about Rolling Hills Ministries.

## LOOKING AHEAD

### SEPTEMBER

- 6 Operation Christmas Child Kickoff, FBC Minden, 10-11:30
- 7-10 Pine Grove BC Revival, Bro. Scotty McDowell speaking. Sunday 11 & 6, Mon-Wed 7PM
- 7-13 Georgia Barnette Week of Prayer
- 9 ChurchBiz Conference Ruston, More info @LBFinfo.org
- 27 Grace conference @ FBC Minden Call 377-44354 to register or more information. **Sign up by Sept. 12!!**
- 27 Camp Harris Fish Fry

### OCTOBER

- 13 Rolling Hills Board Meeting
- 19 Annual Bienville & Webster-Claiborne Executive Board Meeting, FBC Minden, 5:00PM **Please RSVP!!**
- 25 Camp Harris Fish Fry

*Mission & Ministry Center office hours Monday—Thursday 8:00-2:00*

Updates can be found @ WCBcenter.com

## STAFF NEEDS

### Pastor Positions:

FBC, Arcadia— FT	Pleasure Point—Pastor
Emmanuel, Hurricane — PT	New Sarepta—Pastor
Emmanuel, Minden — FT	Pilgrims Rest—Pastor
Friendship, Bienville—Pastor	

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### Youth Pastor Positions:

Heflin—Youth Pastor, PT

FBC, Homer—Youth & Children's Pastor, FT

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### Music:

Unity, Cotton Valley—Music Minister

Bistineau—Piano Player



**Rolling Hills Ministries**  
David Abernathy, Director  
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### Now Enrolling

### Rolling Hills Hi-Set Program

( Formerly GED ) is in Minden at the Associational Office.

Classes will be held Mon-Wed 3:30-6:30. Contact Chelsea to register at 318-251-0065 or go to the Rolling Hills Ministries link on their website. The start up date will be posted once registration is complete.

# BWC Youth Network

Bienville Webster Claiborne

## RETHINKING EVANGELISM IN YOUTH MINISTRY



CHECK OUT FACEBOOK FOR UP TO DATE MEETINGS



## NEWS

2800 Harris Rd. Minden, LA

318-927-3706

[www.harrisbaptistcamp.com](http://www.harrisbaptistcamp.com)

### FISH FRY & TRIVIA NIGHTS

Sept. 27      Oct. 25

*Fish fry and Trivia will be back at the camp in September!!*

*Harry would love to come talk about the camp with your church or pulpit supply for you.*

*Thank you for all the ways you support our camp!!*

**At Camp Harris your donations are always needed and greatly appreciated!!**

Detergent	Carpet Fresh	Pens
Clorox Wipes	All Purpose Cleaner	Paper Clips
Glass Cleaner	Dishwashing Liquid	Staples
Toilet Paper	Paint & Supplies	
Paper Towels	Permanent Markers	

**Get your church involved in our Pool Fundraiser!!**

### "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](mailto:rray1.ch@gmail.com)



### LA TECH BCM

Kevin Inman, Director

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Christian Counseling Service

Amy Kitchens Butler, LPC, LMFT

For appointments call or text 318-480-8182

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**WELCOME!!!!!!**

*Joe McMasters will begin seeing patients on Sept. 1,  
see bio attached to this newsletter to learn more  
about him. You can reach him at 318-239-1899 for  
appointments.*



### Bible Distribution 2025

#### Truck Stop Ministry

Love's	355
Dixie Inn	268
GAP Farm	<u>254</u>
<b>Total Bibles</b>	<b>877</b>

*Total Bibles Distributed in 2024 is 1,191*

#### Prison Ministry

Bienville Parish Jail	330
Wade Correctional	212
BDCC	<u>330</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>872</b>

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

# ChurchBiz 20 Conferences 25

presented by the Louisiana Baptist Foundation

Join us for a conference designed for pastors, treasurers, and church finance teams, covering a variety of topics to enhance church business practices and support effective ministry operations.

**REGISTER NOW**

**FOR ANY OF OUR FIVE SESSIONS**

Monday

9/8

RUSTON

Tuesday

9/9

ALEXANDRIA

Wednesday

9/10

LAKE  
CHARLES

Thursday

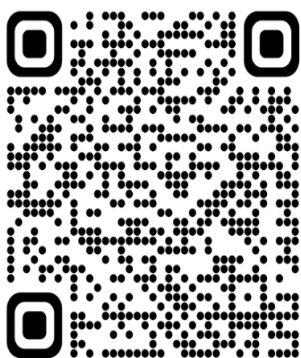
9/11

BATON  
ROUGE

Friday

9/12

NEW  
ORLEANS



[LBFinfo.org/cbc](http://LBFinfo.org/cbc)

## **EDUCATIONAL TOPICS**

**Accounting/Budgeting**

**Church Insurance**

**Financial Best Practices**



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HOSTED BY: WEST LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH

*Join us for a transformative weekend retreat!*

## MARRIAGE RETREAT: DISCOVER LOVE LANGUAGES



Jan 23-24 or 25  
Starts at 6 PM on Friday  
@ CAMP HARRIS

## Event Details

LOVE LANGUAGES

PERFECT GIFT FOR  
YOUR SPOUSE!

3 RETREAT  
SESSIONS

CAMP HARRIS

BREAK-OUT  
SESSIONS

2ND NIGHT OPTION

4TH SESSION, MINDEN SCAVENGER  
HUNT, DATE NIGHT WITH FIRE-  
PITS AND ESCAPEROOMS

FUN

ONE OR TWO  
NIGHT OPTION

## Join Us

Participate in engaging sessions focused on love languages, including interactive activities and discussions. Enhance your relationship with practical tools and insights, fostering deeper connections with your spouse in a supportive environment at Camp Harris.

### OPTION 1

♥ ONE NIGHT PACKAGE - \$200.00



### OPTION 2



2 NIGHT PACKAGE  
- \$300.00 &



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Joseph McMasters is a Provisional Licensed Professional Counselor working with Amy Butler and under the direct supervision of Dr. Ashley Jamison. Joe earned a Bachelor of Arts in Communication from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in 2014 and a Master of Arts in Counseling with a specialization in Marriage and Family Therapy from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in 2022. Joe works from a Christian worldview and views the counseling process holistically. He desires for his clients to heal emotionally, physically, and spiritually.

Joe utilizes a wide variety of approaches and techniques from therapy models such as Cognitive/Behavioral, Solution Focused, and EMDR (Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing). He has experience in working with couples, individuals, and groups, dealing with a wide range of therapeutic issues including Trauma, Anxiety, Depression, Communication Issues, Emotional Regulation and Intelligence Work, and Sexual Addiction. He is also certified in PrepareEnrich for pre-marital and marital couples.



Joe McMasters,  
PLPC

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## Experience Working With:

CLIENTELE:  
Couples  
Individuals  
Families  
Teens  
College Students  
Military

PRESENTING ISSUE:  
Sexual Addiction  
Trauma/PTSD  
Anxiety/Depression  
Marital Struggles  
Pre-Marital Counseling  
Religious/Spiritual Issues

**Sign Up  
by  
Sept 12**



## **FBC Minden Women's Ministry Grace Conference**

**Saturday, September 27, 2025 9:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**September 27th 9AM-2PM**

*\$30 (includes lunch, t-shirt, and swag bag)*

**Registration and coffee bar at 8:30AM**

### **Main Speaker: Christine Gill**

Christine Gregg Gill grew up in Mansfield, LA, and attended Baylor University in Waco, TX, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in psychology and history. Following her time at Baylor, she was commissioned by the International Mission Board and served as a Journeyman missionary from 2003 to 2005 in Francistown, Botswana. Christine dedicated her time in Africa to sharing the love of Christ with young people while educating them about HIV/AIDS prevention.

Once she returned from overseas, Christine enrolled at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary to pursue a Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Counseling. She completed her master's degree from NOBTS in 2009 and fulfilled the requirements to become a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) in Louisiana in 2012. Since then, Christine has worked in the mental health field in a variety of settings. Christine is currently serving as the Women's Missions and Ministry Strategist for Louisiana Baptists. She is excited to work in a role where God can use her passion for missions, her heart for women's discipleship, and her training as a counselor as she ministers to others.

Christine is married to Brad Gill, the Baptist Collegiate Ministries Director at Louisiana Christian University. They have two adult children, Rylie (Jacob) and Maxwell (Angel), and two brand-new granddaughters, Ivy and Ruthie. Christine enjoys traveling with Brad, eating a great meal, collecting vintage Pyrex bowls, and snuggling with her pups, Ollie and Lulu.

***We will have intentional Bible study during the main sessions with several options for breakout sessions.***

***Topics to include:***

***Godly motherhood- Robin Tucker***

***Grace through grief and difficulties- Roberta Kitchens***

***Special session for teen girls- Jodi Tuttle***

***And more! \*More breakout session information will be sent out closer to time.***



## North Central Louisiana Area **Operation Christmas Child**

### Shoebox Kickoff!

**Saturday, September 6, 2025**

**1st Baptist Church Minden (1st Street entrance, covered drive-through)**

**301 Pennsylvania St., Minden, La. 71055**

**10 - 11:30 a.m.**

**\*Jeanine Ford will share about her amazing recent Vision Trip to Romania!**

**\* Learn about your OCC Area Team & more ways to share the vision of OCC with your church or group!!**

**\*Join us in our first workshop to begin the packing season!**