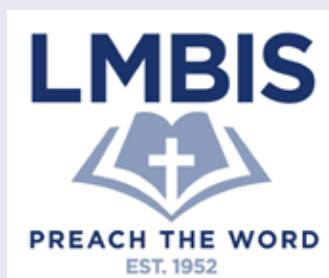


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The MISSIONARY BAPTIST NEWS

“GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE” –Mark 16:15

Faculty Adopts New Logo



In February, the faculty selected a new school seal (bottom right) to identify our seminary. In addition to the new seal, the faculty has now adopted a new logo (above) to further represent Louisiana Missionary Baptist Institute and Seminary. While keeping our focus of “Preach the Word,” we wanted to express our goal of Bible teaching and preaching with a new way to represent our seminary.

With the Cross of Christ our way of salvation and the Bible as our standard, these stand at the center as an emblem of our core principles. Adding the year of 1952 when Calvary Baptist Church established the seminary represents how blessed we are for God’s faithfulness to us throughout the years.

Although our logo may change, our beliefs and practices do not. Our focus remains on equipping men for the gospel ministry and assisting lay people in their Christian education. It is our responsibility to do as God’s Word instructs us in 2 Thessalonians 2:15, “Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.” We consider it a great privilege to assist the laborers of God so that Christ might, “Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work” (2 Thessalonians 2:17).



Christian Doctrine Class



My name is Bryan Sellers, and I am a graduate of LMBIS. For the past twenty-eight years, I have had the privilege of pastoring the Lord’s churches in Arkansas, Texas, and Washington State. For seven of those years, I was

honored to serve the churches as Secretary/Treasurer of Missions. I am currently the pastor of Delight First MBC of Delight, Arkansas. Serving by my side is my faithful wife Jill of thirty-five years and my youngest of three children Dawson.

I am excited to have the opportunity to serve LMBIS as one of the on-line instructors for the Christian Doctrine Course. In this course, we will study the current twenty-three doctrinal statements of the American Baptist Association. I feel that it is imperative that every member of one of the Lord’s churches should have a basic understanding of what we believe, and why we believe it. This study will not only be extremely beneficial to pastors and preachers, but also geared towards benefiting teachers and faithful workers in the local church. Our textbook will be the Bible, also aided by the book “What We Believe... and Why” by Bro. David O. Johnson. Homework will not be overwhelming; however, there will be a few quizzes and a final exam that will cover each of the cardinal doctrines of our faith. Our theme verse for this course will be Colossians 4:6, where the Apostle Paul admonishes the Colossian believers to “Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.”

Please be in prayer for the school, the instructors, and courses as we study “the unsearchable riches of Christ.” Looking forward to seeing you in August.



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From the President

Challenges

Mike Wilkes

Setting the timing on an old 350 Chevy motor, cutting crown molding with a double angle, sheet rocking a room that is out of square, replacing a toilet flange when the bolts have rusted out, and leading a seminary. What do all the beforementioned things have in common?

You cannot ever really appreciate some of the challenges involved in these activities until you attempt them yourself. I always loved and appreciated the presidents of LMBIS under whom I sat. But now, Bro. Don McCormick, Bro. Wayne Watson, Bro. Wilton Wager, and Bro. James Crain, mean more to me than ever. I sit in their seat and attempt to do what they accomplished.

One of the most difficult things about working with a seminary is that the school is often a hub of information for churches. When a church is looking for someone to fill its pulpit, or potentially come in view of being its pastor, the church often calls the seminary looking for names of men who might be interested in meeting its needs. Sadly, we often have few if any names to give them. This is because there is a massive preacher shortage. Usually, around 85% of our students are already serving as youth directors, associate pastors, or pastors. The other 15% are usually 18–19-year-old young men who have just graduated high school and surrendered to preach. We need more men to answer God's call.

Other challenges are not as emotionally draining, but require much prayer, counsel, and consideration. Seminary housing always presents the potential for challenges. We are currently experiencing a housing challenge that I have not seen in my thirty-seven years associated with the school. We are excited why this challenge is happening, but it is a challenge, nonetheless. Many of our preachers are getting married at a young age. We are excited that God has provided each of them with a godly wife who is excited about standing by her husband's side in the ministry, but this shifts the normal housing balance. Instead of making sure that we have plenty of housing for our bachelors, we are now having to make sure we have plenty of family housing units available. At our last trustee meeting, we were joking about tents and campers. But amidst our joking, we understood something...we have a challenge on our hands.

Since I am listing challenges, might I challenge every reader to create a new challenge for LMBIS. I am praying that the response to our online classes overwhelms us to the point that we do not know what to do. When a person reads the list of topics covered and the names of the men who will be teaching the classes, one thing becomes immediately obvious... these classes are going to be extremely beneficial to anyone who enrolls. I hope that the response is so massive that we do not know what to do. I am encouraging everyone reading this to create another problem for us. We love to watch our Lord work things out and meet our needs.



From the Faculty

Homeletics/Lesson Preparation

Daniel Clark

My name is Bro. Jason Hebert, and I am so excited to be rejoining the faculty of LMBIS as an online instructor. The online studies that the school is offering are an incredible asset to the churches. From pulpit to pew, these courses will serve as a refresher of sorts to those who have been away from the seminary for some time and serve as an educational resource to any person who seeks to further his or her Christian education. Before I share the aims of Homiletics/Lesson Preparation, let me introduce myself.

I was raised in a non-practicing Catholic home and had just completed "Confirmation" which is reconfirming infant baptism and my commitment to the Catholic faith as an adult. Fortunately, my grandparents had taken me to VBS at their Baptist church, and I learned about Heaven and Hell. I knew enough that I wanted to go to Heaven and NOT go to Hell, and the Catholic church gave me no assurance at all. I began to search.

Around the same time, several of my friends had been to camp at Bogg Springs and had gotten "saved". I didn't know what that meant, but they started inviting me to church at Greenacres MBC in Bossier City. I went, and it was there that I heard the life-changing message of the gospel. I accepted Christ as my Savior and never looked back!

On July 29, 1996 (at Bogg Springs), I surrendered to God's call on my life to preach the gospel and that fall, I enrolled in seminary at LMBIS. I have received my master's degree and with the help of the Lord, I plan to write for my doctorate soon. In 2012, I was asked to serve on the faculty of LMBIS and served until God moved me to my current field of labor. I have pastored three churches, and in November 2015, I answered God's call yet again, this time to plant a church in Lafayette, LA, the heart of Acadiana.

The Lord blessed me with an amazing wife, Cindy, and two boys and a daughter-in-law, Parker and his wife Madison, and Peyton.

My first pastor, Bro. Joe Morell, was also my Homiletics instructor at seminary. Every week, I saw in his life and heard from his lips what he was teaching me in seminary. He had a way of alliterating things that helped me to memorize what the message was about. He loved preaching, and I fell in love with building sermons and preaching God's Word too.

My aim for this course is to provide the tools that are necessary to break down a passage and organize it in such a way that the Word of God comes alive in the ears of each listener. I hope to provide a glimpse into the process that has served me well as a pastor, church planter, and evangelist over the years. In short, preachers and Bible teachers will be taught how to prepare a sermon, or a lesson, and be given practical advice in how to deliver God's Word in a way that is relevant and scriptural.



Business Manager

May was a good month at the ministry in Texarkana. It was a very busy time for our folks since we have the converging of the beginning of VBS, Mother's Day, and a new Sunday School quarter, and all this happening while our big press was down. Orders are at a high and are higher than the previous year. The challenge to get the work done is a push but thanks to great employees, we indeed got the work done and in good form.

The last of May, our pressman, Scott, returned to work and he and our trainee for the big press, Justin, got to work and began turning out the material in excellent time. This return of operation of the big press was sooner than anticipated and a reason for rejoicing. I have so often found God to furnish our need just in time, so I give God the praise.

As we print literature for the churches of the American Baptist Association and others who use the literature, I am reminded of the guidelines for our material content. We have a mandate from the churches to print literature that is in harmony with the Doctrinal Statement of the American Baptist Association, and this we do, to the best of our ability. Although we are not perfect, but human, I believe that both the content and style of the literature is excellent, and no other literature in the world can compare

to its harmony with our doctrinal statement. Also, it has always been the practice of Bogard Press to use the King James Version for all references to Scripture, and this continues to be our policy with no plans to change.

Dry weather finally seems to be arriving in the South. Although it may not be the best for the land, we have been waiting for it so we can finish our parking lot repairs. If this dryer weather continues, we will soon be able to repair an area of our rear parking lot that has been eroding.

During June, I have the privilege to preach in a series of revival services at the Providence MBC, Fordyce, Arkansas with Pastor Brian Caldwell. It is always a joy and privilege to be asked to speak from the Word of God. I also am looking forward to going to Spokane, Washington to assemble with the messengers of the churches of the American Baptist Association, whom I serve. It is a joy indeed to labor among the brethren. Bro. Mark Clements, Editor-in-Chief, and I will be present at the Baptist Sunday School Committee booth. Come by and visit. We look forward to visiting with you.

Bro. Jim Crain
Business Manager

Editor in Chief

Several times in the New Testament, the Bible student can find versions of the unique synthetic compound Greek word *philoxenos*, translated in the King James Version as either "hospitality" (Romans 12:13; 1 Peter 4:9) or "entertain strangers" (Hebrews 13:12). This word combines *philos*, which can be understood to mean friendly, loving or hospitable, with *xenos*, used to describe a stranger, foreigner or pilgrim. In modern times, the term *xenophobia* (fear or hatred of strangers or foreigners) seems to be weaponized often in efforts to attack the morality of those on opposite sides of political aisles. Whatever the state of current culture wars, God's people should never behave in such a manner that the slanderous charge of *xenophobia* would stick. As noted in Hebrews 13:2, God's people have a mandate from Him to demonstrate loving-kindness to people who timidly seek warmth and stability in foreign places. "Strangers" could include immigrants from a foreign country, but it also includes spiritual pilgrims looking for places of worship in a church.

The command to "entertain strangers" applies to Christ followers in society at-large, but the command should be primary when it comes to guests who may show up at church. When it comes to treatment of guests, or "visitors" as some churches call them, each church must answer a few questions with passion and creativity:

- When a guest walks into the doors of the church house, how are they greeted?
- When parents nervously drop off their children at Vacation Bible School, are they convinced their children will be safely instructed in the gracious gospel of Jesus Christ?

- How can churches build ongoing relationships with guests to make certain the love of Christ is felt long after the church event?
- Even if the guest never becomes a church member, how can each church lovingly point spiritual pilgrims in the right direction?

Aside from Christ's command to His first church to love their neighbors as themselves (Mark 12:31), what compelling reason does a church have to "entertain strangers"? The writer of Hebrews reminded the reader of the possibility that a Christian might unknowingly host an angel. This specific event happened a few times in biblical history (Abraham, Genesis 18:1-15; Gideon, Judges 6:11-24; Samson's parents, Judges 13:3-24). Using a greater-to-lesser argument, the Spirit-inspired writer implied that if people have unknowingly shown hospitality to angels who rightfully deserved the best treatment, and since one may not know the full significance or potential of any given guest who comes to the church, then it is of utmost importance that churches show hospitality to everyone, no matter what.

The shy little girl who barely participates in VBS might not be an angel, but God knows her full potential in His kingdom work. The rowdy little boy who refuses to stand still might not be an angel, but in God's work, he could serve just as mightily. Every new church guest is a spiritual pilgrim looking for warmth and stability. May they find spiritual homes among God's churches who treat them better than angels.

Mark Clements
Editor in Chief, Bogard Press



ABA Secretary-Treasurer of Missions

We had a very good and productive pre-associational meeting of the Standing Missionary Committee. The meeting was well attended, and we were blessed to hear of the many great things God is doing all over the world. Along with hearing many blessings that had us rejoicing with the missionaries, we also heard of many struggles that some of them were going through and had pecial prayer for all missionaries working in hard-to-reach places. Please keep our missionaries lifted in prayer and pray that the Lord of the harvest would send more laborers into His field.

Another blessing to rejoice over is for the month of May the recommended missionaries of the American Baptist Association reported 440 professions of faith and 86 baptisms! That brings our totals for the 2022-2023 associational year, as reported by the missionaries, to 5,790 professions of faith, 717 baptisms and 154 received by letter or statement! To the best of my knowledge, for this associational year we had 7 church organizations with more planning to organize soon. God has been so good, and we give Him all the praise!

There are a total of 144 missionaries, missionary helpers and mission ministries being recommended to the churches for consideration for the 2023-2024 associational year. The projected monthly payout for this next year will be about \$190,000 per month. Please be in prayer for the important business that will be considered at our messenger meeting and for the election of the new Secretary-Treasurer. Pray for God's man and that He would clearly make His will known. See you all in Spokane, Lord willing.

Keep On Keeping On,
Justin Coburn



Louisiana State Secretary-Treasurer of Missions

The end of May and the beginning of June brings thoughts of summer and the many activities of the season. In most churches, summer is the busiest time of the year. Vacation Bible School, camp, Mission Trip and other activities have been planned for and prayed over for months. Now is the time to execute the plan.

One of my personal favorites is camp. Having been the manager of Camp Glenwood for nineteen years has given me a unique perspective on the effectiveness of camp. Through the years I have witnessed many young people and adults come to know Jesus Christ as Savior. I have seen young men surrender to ministry and lives changed. God has truly blessed the camping ministry of our association.

In Louisiana, most churches attend camp either at Bogg Springs in Mena, AR, or Camp Glenwood in Folsom, LA. Both are great facilities and are being used of God to make a difference in the lives of young people and adults. Pray for these camps and the young people who will be attending.

Great News! I received word that Calvary Miss. Baptist Church in Minden voted recently to pay off the remaining note of Acadiana BC in Lafayette. We praise the Lord for this answer to prayer! Acadiana has been our state mission project for the 2022-2023 associational year. Any funds given for our state project will remain in the bank and will be distributed at the direction of the messengers at our state association meeting in November. Make this a matter prayer!

Also, if you would like me to share with your church about our Louisiana mission work, contact me. I will be honored to be with you.

Yours for missions,
Ray Meigs

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May 2023 Report	
BEGINNING BALANCE	2,585,178.63
Receipts:	
Interstate Salaries	72,081.11
Foreign & National Salaries	69,780.31
Designated	44,770.71
Undesignated	11,844.18
TOTAL RECEIVED	198,476.31
BALANCE FOR SALARIES	2,774,472.65
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Interstate Salaries	71,868.25
Foreign Salaries	27,213.00
National Salaries	25,863.46
Designated	49,324.42
Salaries & Expenses of Sec.-Treas. Office	19,256.18
TOTAL DISBURSEMENT	193,525.31
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	2,590,129.63
TOTAL SURPLUS FOR THE MONTH	4,951.00

May 2023 Report	
Gen. Operating Fund Beg. Balance	\$2,063.53
Reciepts	\$220.00
Disbursements	\$107.94
Gen. Operating Fund Balance	\$2,175.62
Emergency Fund Balance	\$755.05
Offerings for the Goal	\$1,756.80

MISSIONARY HIGHLIGHTS

Bro. Jason Hebert, Lafayette, LA:

LOOK AT GOD! At the end of April, we owed \$7631.33 on our building and at the end of May we owe \$0.00! That's right, THE BUILDING DEBT IS RETIRED! The Lord has provided \$350,000 in less than two and a half years! To say we are thankful is an understatement! Applause broke out in the sanctuary as I announced to ABC that it was paid off! Indeed, LOOK AT GOD!



But that isn't all the GOOD NEWS! We also had 29 souls saved this month! That's right, TWENTY-NINE! Saturday, May 25th, Central Baptist Church in Pineville and several friends joined with us to go soul winning. We knocked on the doors in our community, a nearby trailer park, and 3 apartment complexes for around 4 hours. Some doors were slammed in our faces and some choice words were heard but we praise the Lord for 29 souls that trusted Christ that day! We have had some come to services recently and we look forward to continuing to follow up with as many as possible.

And if THAT isn't enough, the mission took an amazing step forward as we took on \$1000 monthly toward salary! This was a wonderful month, and we thank every one of you for your love and prayers as we seek to see a strong self-supporting church in Lafayette!

(Sponsored by Calvary MBC, Minden, Louisiana)

Bro. Kevin Hutcheson, Sterlington, LA:

Greetings once again faithful supporters and friends of Sterlington Missions and Faith Baptist Church. I pray that this report reaches you in good health.

My family and I had a great time as they were able to come for a short visit to see the new field of labor in Sterlington. Unfortunately, they had to return home to Romania. We are still transitioning and covet your prayers.

I want to thank my pastor and sending church for allowing me the privilege of preaching on a Wednesday this past month. I always enjoy our time together and how the Lord always blesses our worship together!

I want to say a special "thank you" to brother Johnny Legg and his wife, Mrs. Sandra, for hosting us in their home. Brother Johnny wanted to host a church fellowship and went above and beyond to make us feel welcome. He put on a crawfish boil for our people and invited some from Promise Land and his home church in Bastrop to join us.

We not only ate well, but heard a great devotional, too. I am excited to

announce that Faith Baptist Church and Promise Land MBC have both voted unanimously on a set of building plans! After much hard work and even more prayers, we are ready to move forward in our building process. We have enlisted the help of some Godly men and brothers in Christ that are helping us work on our drawings to get them where they need to be so that we can submit them to Louisiana. We request your prayers as we move forward in this very exciting time.

We have had several visitors in the past month, with most of them being return visitors who have expressed their interest in our church. I ask you to pray specifically for May 26-29 as myself and brother Jacob Ellerbe, a good friend from Florida and preacher of the Gospel, evangelize and labor in the field that is known as Sterlington. Pray that the Lord will keep evil at bay and that hearts would be opened to the life-changing Good News!

Thank you all for your faithful prayers and support! May God richly bless you all!

(Sponsored by Promise Land MBC, Hamburg, Arkansas)

Bro. Mike Russell, Greenwood, LA:

We thank each of you for your help and support. The Lord has done magnificent work at Victory. He continues to work among us and through us. That is the way our Heavenly Father gets things done in His Local Churches.

We have so many things to be thankful for. Often we have no choice of how things work out. I am saddened at the fact that Bro. R. B. Mercer moved to Pearland, Texas to be closer to family. Bro. Mercer has reported that he is feeling much better and has not had an episode since he has been down there.

Meanwhile we are preparing to have Vacation Bible School in June. We are hoping that we have many children from the local area. We feel like this will be a great outreach for our Church.

Our outreach program is going very well and we are having some response which is encouraging. This month while out visiting we were told from an individual we were visiting, "I didn't know churches did visitation these days", I responded to by saying we must visit and reach out to people in the local community. People need to know we are here and interested in ministering to their spiritual needs.

The Victory family is very dedicated to the work and church in Greenwood. As evidenced in all the physical work done we have only mentioned a few of the many projects we are working on. Please pray for us to complete these and continue with upcoming additions and improvements.

We truly appreciate and thank everyone's support by sending prayers, donations, and support through the years. We ask you to continue your support. Enabling us to continue to grow and become a great ministry in Greenwood.

(Sponsored by Heritage MBC, Bossier City, Louisiana)

HPB Publishing Celebrates Completion of New Testament Commentary

by Bro. Trey Emory

Since 2009, the Baptist New Testament Commentary written verse by verse has been a priority for Hyde Park Baptist Church. Over fourteen years later, we had the opportunity to celebrate the completion of that project. On May 13, Hyde Park, along with many authors and editors, and guests, came together for this celebration.

During our time together, we recognized five men that have played a huge role in this ministry. Bro. Richard Fewell was recognized for his vision with the books. Bro. Fewell in many ways has been a driving force throughout the production of these books. Also, recognized was Bro Jim Crain. Bro. Crain has been the editor on every one of our commentaries. In addition, we honored the influence and work Bro. Jeff Luellen had in this ministry. Not only was he the pastor leading in this ministry, but he spent many hours on the road to promote it. Next, we recognized Bro. J.W. Sumrall. Bro. Sumrall has been on the commentary committee since it began and now is our promotional director for the commentaries. Lastly, we recognized the work of Bro. Kyle Elkins. Brother Kyle could not attend the celebration, but he has formatted every book we have produced. This ministry would not be what it is today if not for these men!

In our time with each other, we keyed in on the idea of Biblical understanding. In Proverbs 16:16, we are told, "How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver!" Most of us know that wisdom comes from God. As a matter of fact, Scripture says, "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." Often in quoting that Scripture we stop there, but the rest of Proverb 9:10 says, "and the knowledge of the holy is understanding." Our ministry has always been about aiding in understanding. It is this desire that paints the future for our ministry. What better way to know and understand "the Holy" than to study Him. We call this theology; our next big project is a book on Systematic Theology. Next, we want our reach to go further in aiding understanding. One way we can accomplish this is through translating our commentary into other languages, starting with Spanish. Currently we are talking with a computer programmer working through AI (artificial intelligence) to get the translation accomplished. Another way we can affect our reach is getting our products in the hands of more people. We are doing this through adding to our distributors and looking at more digital options. Lastly for more understanding, if we can find the right direction, the Old Testament is not off the table!

For all those that have partnered with us along the way, we thank you. For those that are interested, contact us and let us know. More importantly, please pray for our ministry, and the endeavors that lie ahead!

Bro. Trey Emory is the pastor of Hyde Park Baptist Church.



Dr. J. A. Crain, writer of the commentary on the Book of Revelation, presents Bro. Richard Lee Fewell with a personalized copy of his commentary.



Dr. J. A. Crain, writer of the commentary on the Book of Revelation, and Dr. David Harris, writer of the commentary on the Book of Romans, signed copies of their books following the celebration.

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May 2023

Calvary MBC, Minden, LA	100.00
Central MBC, Pineville, LA	50.00
Forest Grove MBC, Taylor, AR	20.00
Grapeland MBC, Grapeland, TX	100.00
Heritage MBC, Bossier City, LA	40.00
Landmark MBC, Stonewall, LA	20.00
Liberty MBC, Shreveport, LA	25.00
Mansfield MBC, Mansfield, LA	25.00
State Line MBC, Taylor, AR	20.00
Whispering Pines MBC, Minden, LA	25.00
Total	\$425.00

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INSTITUTE AND SEMINARY

May 2023

Balance Forwarded.	64,337.16
Receipts	18,948.85
Total	83,286.01
Disbursements	22,656.31
Balance	60,629.70

Receipts: General Operating Funds

Adams Chapel MBC, Chidester, AR	200.00
Antioch MBC, Coushatta, LA	50.00
Bethel 2 BC, Rison, AR	180.00
Bethel MBC, New Orleans, LA	10.00
Bethlehem Missions, Joaquin, TX	50.00
Bryan & Sandy Simoneaux, Enterprise, AL	50.00
Calvary BC, DeRidder, LA	454.00
Calvary BC, Magnolia, AR	400.00
Calvary BC, Sheridan, AR	100.00
Carthage MBC, Carthage, TX	808.79
Center MBC, Center, TX	100.00
Central MBC, Bastrop, LA	450.00
Central MBC, Pineville, LA	300.00
Central MBC, Warren, AR	100.00
Corinth MBC, Timpson, TX	200.00
Delight BC, Delight, AR	1,653.00
El Dorado MBC, El Dorado, AR	40.47
Emmanuel MBC, Bogalusa, LA	100.00
Fellowship BC, Joaquin, TX	50.00
First Baptist Church, Angie, LA	100.00
First Baptist Church, Wells, TX	300.00
First Springhill Association:	
Calvary, Minden, LA	1,000.00
Heritage, Bossier City, LA	300.00
Landmark, Stonewall	120.00
Liberty, Shreveport, LA	100.00
Emmanuel, Minden, LA	150.00
Eastside, Minden, LA	215.00
Faith, Homer	25.00
Grace, Many, LA	406.00
Greenacres, Bossier City, LA	300.00
Mansfield, Mansfield, LA	100.00
Old Sarepta, Sarepta, LA	828.66
Old Shongaloo, Shongaloo, LA	100.00
Springhill, Springhill, LA	84.20
Stockwell Road, Bossier City, LA	250.00
Walnut Hill, Vivian, LA	250.00
Whispering Pines, Minden, LA	718.84
First Union Association Mission Rally	480.00
Forest Grove BC, Taylor, AR	100.00

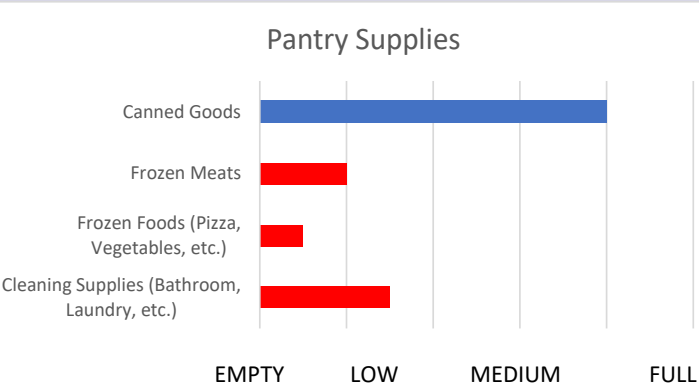
Gary Eastside BC, Gary, TX	2,345.02
Grapeland MBC, Grapeland, TX	450.00
Hampton MBM, Hampton, AR	35.00
Hatley MBC, Amory, MS	200.00
Holleyman Chapel MBC, Maydelle, TX	100.00
Hughes Springs MBC, Hughes Springs, TX	100.00
Hyde Park BC, West Monroe, LA	50.00
James & Glenda Smith, Star City, AR	200.00
Landmark MBC, West Monroe, LA	75.00
Lawrence MBC, Tickfaw, LA	62.94
Lone Cedar BC, Joaquin, TX	100.00
New Home MBC, Stephens, AR	123.00
Oak Flat BC, Huntington, TX	150.00
Oakridge MBC, Maud, TX	733.00
Park MBC, Prescott, AR	294.00
Pettitt Memorial BC, Bogalusa, LA	100.00
Pleasant Springs BC, Center Ridge	390.00
Promise Land BC, Hamburg, AR	200.00
Providence MBC, Center, TX	100.00
Providence Landmark MBC, Thornton, AR	25.00
Robert Slack, Minden, LA	300.00
Salem BC, Rusk, TX	100.00
Second Avenue MBC, Strong, AR	100.00
South Crossett BC, Crossett, AR	50.00
State Line BC, Taylor, AR	242.00
Timpson MBC, Timpson, TX	175.00
Trinity MBC, Camden, AR	100.00
Trinity MBC, Doyline, LA	100.00
Trinity BC, Carthage, TX	200.00
Unity MBC, Camden, AR	100.00
West Heights BC, West Monroe, LA	224.93
White Rock MBC, Center, TX	100.00
Rent & Utilities	100.00

Scholarship:

Glazier Peau MBC, Hot Springs, AR Bill Westfall	500.00
Regions Bank, David Talbert Interest	1.75

Pantry

Central MBC, Pineville, LA	50.00
Whispering Pines MBC Ladies Auxiliary, Minden, LA	65.00
Richard & Linh Mathews, Eastside MBC, Minden, LA	Meat



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First Springhill Association

Meets for Missions



Victory Missionary Baptist Mission in Greenwood and pastor Mike Russell hosted the churches of the First Springhill Association Mission Rally with ten churches represented.

Following an evening meal, the congregation convened for worship with hymns, a special by Sis. Vicki Thompson, and an ensemble of all the men present.

Bro. Cole Melton brought a powerful and timely sermon from Acts 17 on being audacious amid persecution. The assembly collected an offering of \$230.00 to assist Sis. Michelle Bird in her expenses following the loss of her husband, Bro. Jamie Bird.

The next mission rally will be on August 14, 2023, at Temple MBC in Ringgold.

To the LMBIS Student body,

I sincerely thank you for the kind gifts given to me at the graduation ceremony. The Bible is so very special. It lies on my desk where I read it each morning at work. The photo also is a reminder of my wonderful years at LMBIS and the lifetime friendships I have made. Thank you so much.

I love you all in the Lord,

Bro. Jim Crain

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