

February Events

February 19: Forum: Student Ministers and Volunteers - Baptist Building

February 22-23: Kid's Ministers Retreat - First, Lafayette

February 26-27: College Evangelism Conference - Louisiana College

Richland Baptist Association Newsletter

From Your DOM

Paul's words to the church at Phillipi are still good for us today: (Phillipians 3:12-14) (NLT) "I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. No my dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Jesus Christ, is calling us."

The year 2020 was a most unusual year. It brought many challenges to us as the Body of Christ. By His Grace and Mercy, we made it through. We cannot change the past but we certainly can look forward to what lies ahead. One thing that I pray each of us have learned is that no matter what we face, Christ is leading us through it all.

Praise God for the wonderful leadership of our pastors throughout the past days. My prayer is that each of you find hope and peace in the days ahead. God is using you to fulfill His vision and purpose for His Kingdom.

We are once again starting up a monthly Newsletter. I pray that each of you think of it as our association newsletter and provide input each month.

We will include a monthly calendar of events and items of importance within the newsletter. If you have an activity that you would like for your sister churches to participate in, please let us know and we will publish it.

I am so blessed to be your DOM. God's greatest gift to me was all of you. I am your servant and I am available for any need that you may have.

God Bless YOU ALL,

Johnny

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Pastor: Cedar Baptist Church

Pianist: Cedar Baptist Church

Pastor: New Light

*If you have a need in your church, please let us know and we will post it in the Monthly Newsletter.

DISASTER RELIEF

Our Association now has a Chainsaw Ministry Team. WE are excited about how God is going to use this ministry as we serve people with a great need. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, contact the DOM at (318) 355-4114 or at the office. Men and women are welcome as there are jobs for everyone.

We have been blessed to be able to purchase a trailer, saws and protective gear for the teams that will be deployed in an emergency. The following is a list of items that are still needed for the ministry:

Air Mattress: (6)
Extension Ladder: (2)
Hatchet: (2)
Sledge Hammer: (1)

We need someone with carpentry skills to build shelving and other items inside the trailer.

Sunday, May 23, 2021 is designated Chainsaw Ministry Sunday. We ask that you place this date and event on your church calendar. We also ask that you take up a special offering to help fund this ministry on that day. The offering will be to help provide the various needs of the ministry and the tams during the upcoming hurricane season.

Disaster Relief Training will be offered by the Louisiana Baptist Convention on Friday 12 March 2021 and Saturday 13 March 2021 at Temple Baptist Church in Ruston, Louisiana. Several ministry trainings will take place. If you have ever felt led to serve in this area of ministry, please plan to attend the training. You cannot serve or be insured unless you have undergone training for your chosen area of ministry. A listing of the various areas of ministry training will be provided in the upcoming March newsletter.

The areas of Ministry of Disaster Relief include:

Chaplaincy: Do not have to be a pastor to be a Chaplain
Cooking/Food
Shower
Chainsaw
Mudout

Please pray about joining one of these ministry groups.