

June 2026



# The Connection

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## Vacation Bible Schools Scheduled for June 2026

If your church's VBS is in July or August, please contact the Associational Center by June 15 to be included in the July issue of *The Connection*.

| <u>Church</u>                            | <u>Date</u>     | <u>Time</u>       | <u>Theme</u> |
|--|-----------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Oak Grove, Eros<br>Bonita Rd., Log Cabin | May 31 - June 3 | 5:45 - 8:30 p.m.  | EC           |
| Cedar Crest, West Monroe                 | June 1 - 5      | 5:45 - 8:30 p.m.  | Ro           |
| Cypress, West Monroe                     | June 1 - 5      | 8:00 - Noon       | IS           |
| Fair Park, West Monroe                   | June 1 - 5      | 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.  | RF           |
| First, Sterlington                       | June 1 - 5      | 8:30 - Noon       | IS           |
| First, Swartz                            | June 1 - 4      | 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.  | KQ           |
| McClendon, West Monroe                   | June 1 - 5      | 8:30 - Noon       | IS           |
| New Chapel Hill, West Monroe             | June 1 - 4      | 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  | IS           |
| North Monroe                             | June 1 - 5      | 8:30 - Noon       | IS           |
| Bethel, West Monroe                      | June 1 - 5      | 8:30 - Noon       | IS           |
| Community, West Monroe                   | June 5 - 7      | Times vary daily  | Gal          |
| Parkview, Monroe                         | June 7 - 11     | 5:45 - 8:30 p.m.  | RF           |
| First, Calhoun                           | June 7 - 11     | 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  | Ro           |
| First, West Monroe                       | June 8 - 11     | 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.  | IS           |
| Highland, West Monroe                    | June 8 - 11     | 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  | IS           |
| Loch Arbor, Monroe                       | June 8 - 12     | 8:00 - Noon       | IS           |
| New Friendship, Bastrop                  | June 8 - 12     | 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.  | IS           |
| Bayou Oaks, Monroe                       | June 8 - 12     | 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.  | EC           |
| First West, Calhoun                      | June 15 - 18    | 9:00 - Noon       | IS           |
| North Church, Bastrop                    | June 15 - 18    | 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  | IS           |
| Bethel, Bastrop                          | June 15 - 18    | 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.  | IS           |
| Bethel, Bastrop                          | June 22 - 26    | 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. | EC           |
| Cheniere, West Monroe                    | June 22 - 26    | 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  | IS           |
| Ridge Avenue, West Monroe                | June 24 - 26    | 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  | IS           |

\*Theme Key: EC = Emerald Crossing  
Gal = Galaxy  
IS = Illumination Station

KQ = Kingdom Quest  
RF = Rainforest Falls  
Ro = Rome

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# Pastor/Staff & Spouses Fish Fry

June 30  
6:00 p.m.  
Associational Center

Call or email to RSVP by  
Noon on Monday, June 29

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Join us!

## Congratulations on your June Anniversary!

- **Mary Ann Butler**, financial secretary \*21 years \* Lakeshore
- **Beth Chandler**, Senior Adults/Activites Minister \* 41 years \* Lakeshore
- **Drew Coker**, minister of missions \* 7 years \* First, West Monroe
- **Scarlyte Collette**, children's minister \*9 years \* First, Swartz
- **James Doughty**, pastor \* **10 years** \* First, Monroe
- **Tamara Driedger**, Girls' Ministry Associate \* 1 year \* North Monroe
- **Rainey Felts**, children's director \* 1 year \* Cheniere
- **DeWayne Kelly**, youth minister \* **10 years** \* Oak Gove, Eros
- **Larry Linson**, pastor \*19 years \* Highland Park
- **Nancy Little**, secretary \*24 years \* Community
- **Taylor Lollis**, First West Counseling Center Office Director \* 8 years \* First, West Monroe
- **Lamarlo Looney**, pastor \* 7 years \* Berean
- **Chad McClurg**, director \*13 years \* Baptist Collegiate Ministry, University of Louisiana, Monroe
- **Jeff McPherson**, director of facilities and men's ministry \* 8 years \* North Monroe
- **John Russell**, pastor \*8 years \* Greater New Antioch
- **Kevin Stewart**, lead pastor \* 14 years \* McClendon
- **Coty Brooke White**, worship and children's ministry assistant \* **5 years** \* North Monroe
- **Neil Wigley**, pastor \* 12 years \* Oak Grove, Eros



We would like to thank **Lakeshore** for hosting our **Executive Board Meeting** on May 19. We enjoyed a great time of fellowship, ate delicious BBQ and heard from several guests about ministry opportunities we can participate in.

## Sign Up for Serve Tour Ministry Projects



August 21 - 22, 2026

The Ministry Projects are online and NOW is the time to choose the ones you personally will participate in. You can register to serve at any project site in our area. It does not have to be sponsored by your church. Simply use the QR Code to register.



## Churches Connecting



**Ridge Avenue** - Amercia Bless God Rally, 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration. July 2, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Join them for a time of Prayer, Praise, Purpose and Passion.

Email us about your church events by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month to be included in the next newsletter.

## Positions Available

**Pastor** - Emmanuel, Oak Hill, New Hope (Jones), Rescue  
**Worship Leader** - Pine Grove, Watson  
**Students/Youth** - Cypress  
**Children's Minister** - Mt. Vernon  
**Musician** - Greenacres - pianist (Call 318-282-2870 if interested.)  
 Grace - pianist

## From the Associational Mission Strategist



Final project approvals for Serve Tour Monroe were completed just over a week ago and some exciting ministry investment is coming our way on August 21-22.

The North American Mission Board has given us a final budget of \$150,000 that will go toward 46 distinct projects with an estimated participation by 1,400 volunteers from our local area, throughout Louisiana, and numerous states.

Upon receiving this newsletter, the projects should be up on the Serve Tour website ([www.servetour.org](http://www.servetour.org)) or you can use the QR code that is printed in this newsletter to register. There will be a limited number of volunteer positions per project, so please register as soon as you can.

Below is a sampling of the types of ministry projects that will be available throughout our area:

- Exterior Painting of the Sanctuary building at The Well Church
- Stage extension & funding for Welcome Week Block party at the ULM-BCM
- New carpeting at Mision Bautista Cristo El Rey (NE Spanish Mission)
- Mobile evangelistic grill walks in Monroe, West Monroe, Bastrop, and Richland Parish (Meta)
- Block Parties at 9 different churches/ministries
- A special event for Foster Mothers/Children & families served by the Children's Home
- School improvement projects at public schools in Monroe, West Monroe, and Morehouse Parish
- The purchase of 200 new cushioned chairs to replace the pews at Rescue Community Church
- Significant painting and pressure washing projects at Northeast Baptist School
- A grant to help with a new roof at The Simple Project homeless ministry in downtown Monroe
- Numerous painting projects at The Boys & Girls Club in Bawcomville
- Flooring, electrical upgrades, and furnishings for a needy Foster Home in Monroe
- Numerous electrical and physical upgrades at Seeker Springs Camp

Over these two days in August, you can serve at two different projects that are one-day in length, or work at the construction projects that will take both days. You can serve at projects sponsored by your local church or work in a different part of our area to be exposed to needs outside of your immediate community.

I have had the privilege of seeing this come together from across the entire region. It will be a ministry wildfire spreading throughout NE Louisiana. I hope you and your church will get onboard and be a part of the Kingdom Impact that is headed our way.

For those that have always wanted to go on a mission trip, it will never get any easier than this. The mission trip is coming to you!

Steven L. Kelly  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS



**JULY 21** Pastor/Staff Fellowship

**AUGUST 21-22** NAMB Serve Tour

**SEPT. 17** Leadership Conference

**SEPT. 27** Student IMPACT

**SEPT. 28-30** Senior Adult Revival

## NELBA Events

### June 2026

- 7-8 **Pastors' Conference**, Orlando FL
- 9-10 **Southern Baptist Convention**, Orlando FL
- 21 **Father's Day**
- 30 **Pastor/Staff and Spouses Fish Fry**, 6:00 p.m., Associational Center

### July 2026

- 21 **Pastor/Staff Fellowship**, 11:30 a.m., Victory

## Louisiana Baptist Events

### June 2026

- 1-5 **Breakaway Camp 1**
- 7-8 **Pastors' Conference**, Orlando FL
- 9-10 **Southern Baptist Convention**, Orlando FL
- 8-12 **Breakaway Camp 2**
- 15-19 **Breakaway Camp 3**
- 25-27 **Breakaway Camp 4**
- 29-7/2 **Kid's Camp 1**

### July 2026

- 6 -9 **Kid's Camp 2**
- 10 - 12 **Kid's Camp 3**
- 13 - 16 **Kid's Camp 4**
- 20 - 23 **Children's Mission Camp**
- 24 - 26 **Mini Mac Camp**

(All state camps are at Tall Timbers, Woodworth)



## 2026 PASTORS' CONFERENCE

