

August 2026



The Connection

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August 21, 22

Register for SERVE TOUR
Ministry Projects by
using the QR code.



A special digital
Serve Tour
edition issue of
The Connection
will be available
in early August.



Serve Tour Week Schedule

Sunday (8/16) - Morehouse
Kick-off Rally, 6:00 p.m. at First,
Bastrop

Wednesday (8/19) - Ouachita
Kick-off Rally, 6:00 p.m. at First,
West Monroe

Friday and Saturday (8/21 - 22)
Serve Tour

Saturday (8/22) - Closing meal
and rally, 5:00 p.m. at North
Monroe



“for I was
hungry and you
gave Me food; I
was thirsty and
you gave Me
drink; I was a
stranger and
you took Me in;
I was naked and
you clothed
Me; I was sick
and you visited
Me; I was in
prison and you
came to Me.”

Matt. 25:35-36



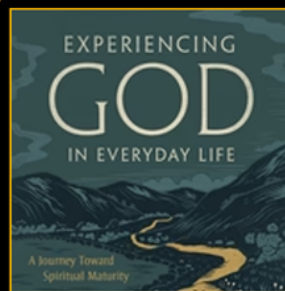
Book STUDY

Begins August 27

11:30 a.m. @ NELBA Office

Bring your lunch. Drinks provided

We will meet every other
Thursday until Dec. 3.



You pay \$10 for your book
and we will cover the rest of
the cost.

Come by the office to get
your copy today!

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NELBA SENIOR ADULT

PROGRESSIVE REVIVAL

SEPT. 28-30
10:00 AM

Mon. - McClendon, WM

Tue. - North Monroe

Wed. - Fair Park, WM



Dr. Waylon Bailey, pastor
First Baptist, Covington LA



Waylon McCormick
Ouachita Baptist



Corbin McCormick
First West

Music by

+ Lunch served by host churches.
\$8 a person.

+ A love offering will be taken
each day for the revival team.

Leadership Conference for Pastors & Staff



Kevin Richard,
Director of the Granberry
Counseling Centers and
staff counselors will be
speaking on a variety of
topics related to pastoral
counseling.

September 17, 2026
NELBA Office
9:30 a.m. - Noon

Lunch will be provided.



Our Pastor/Staff &
Spouses Fish Fry was well
attended June 30. We
even celebrated our
nation's 250th birthday!



Congratulations on your August Anniversary!

- **Valerie Barley**, graphic artist/vocalist * 16 years * North Monroe
- **Kenneth Clark**, young families and children's pastor * 21 years * North Monroe
- **Melanie Eager**, secretary * 4 years * Cedar Crest
- **Robbie Freeman**, music minister * 23 years * Lakeshore
- **Hannah Greenwood**, worship leader * 3 years * First, Calhoun
- **Danny Hawthorne**, pastor * 7 years * Greenacres
- **Tracy Hilburn**, secretary * 8 years * Cheniere
- **Steven Keirsey**, college pastor * 11 years * North Monroe
- **Karla Knox**, financial director * 7 years * North Monroe
- **Tracey Linson**, administrative assistant * 13 years * McClendon
- **Rick McAdams**, pastor * 11 years * The Anchor
- **Jordy McKaskle**, executive pastor * 2 years * North Monroe
- **Rhonda Moody**, Connections coordinator * 17 years * First, West Monroe
- **Glenn Naylor**, minister of music and outreach * 14 years * Mt. Vernon
- **Myla Owens**, secretary * 11 years * Cypress
- **Ken Ronaghan**, pastor * 1 year * Center Point
- **Alvin Rosenow**, pastor * 19 years * Mision Bautista Cristo El Rey (Northeast Hispanic Mission)
- **Karen Sammons**, director of client services * 24 years * Louisiana Baptist Children's Home Compassion Center. Karen was director of Ray of Hope for 23 years before moving to LBCH.
- **Phil Smith**, music minister * 7 years * Bethel, Bastrop
- **Tim Spencer**, executive pastor * 11 years * First, West Monroe
- **Pam Walker**, director * **15 years** * Care and Hope Ministry, Bastrop

09.27.2026
5PM - 8PM

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FROM LOUISIANA

TO THE WORLD

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ACP

TRAINING

SESSION

August 6
10:00 a.m.
(Lunch will follow)
NELBA Office

- For anyone who prepares the Annual Church Profile either online or on paper
- You will receive your ACP Packet this day
- Email or call to register by August 4 so we can order lunch!
- Answer any questions you may have about the ACP
- Our Guest presenter will be Shana Johnson from the Louisiana Baptist Convention
- office@nela-morehouse.org
318-537-9548

From the Associational Mission Strategist



In July of 2025, I got introduced to the possibility of the Send Relief Serve Tour coming to Monroe. In August of last year, I participated in the one hosted in Columbia, South Carolina. Now, we are 3 weeks away from it happening here.

I am incredibly excited about what is coming our way. This is not so much because of the work to be done, but the cooperation to be experienced. The week of August 16-22 will help all of us that participate to understand the “Why” of being part of the fellowship called Southern Baptists.

During this week, our partners from North America Mission Board will have a significant team on the ground organizing the work. We will have groups from across the country that will converge on our area to serve our region. A large group of our leaders from the Louisiana Baptist Convention will be participating in the collective work. Teams from neighboring Parishes will be commuting both days to serve our communities. Hundreds from our associational churches will be participating in projects they submitted, but even more so, they will be serving churches outside of the area they usually minister to. We will experience the cooperation on the ground that we proclaim from our pulpits.

The work will be significant. There will be about 10 block parties across the area to promote outreach. Several churches are getting new carpet installed. Some are going into neighborhoods and apartment complexes feeding burgers to each home and sharing the gospel to entire communities. An abundance of fresh paint will be applied to buildings. Needed pressure washing will occur at various facilities. Local schools will experience physical improvements. There are even unique and creative ministry projects that are being attempted in the projects being offered.

As I have been part of this for over a year, what excites me the most is to rise above it all and see the big picture. Most of us will only experience a single project, or at most two. When I think of 48 different projects and events over two days, it really gets my adrenaline flowing. When I consider 1,200 – 1,400 people serving at the same time from Seeker Springs to South Monroe to Swartz to Downtown Bastrop to nearly the Arkansas state line and even in the “man camps” of Meta at Holly Ridge, I get charged up.

Serve Tour is an opportunity to see why we work cooperatively. Weeks from now we will look back and use Serve Tour as a reference point for why we always need to work together moving forward. Why? We are better together and can do more for the Kingdom of God than we could ever accomplish on our own.

With great anticipation,

Steven L. Kelly
Associational Mission Strategist

Churches Connecting

Cedar Crest - Congratulations to Frank Valenzano (wife, Ann) as the new Associate Pastor of Discipleship and Missions.

Indian Village Community Church - Their upcoming GriefShare grief support group will begin August 4 and continue every Tuesday evening through October 27. Sessions will be held at the church. Please call (318) 953-1922 for details.

Oak Hill - We welcome their new pastor, Jamie Pullin (wife, Kristin) to our association!

Mt. Vernon - Tracy Satterfield (husband, Robert) is their new Director of Children’s Ministries. May God bless your ministry.

New Chapel Hill - We would like to welcome the husband/wife team of Brett and Erin Tooley to their staff. Brett is the Family and Youth Pastor and Erin is the new Family and Children’s Director.

Rescue - The church has called a new pastor, Greg Dunn (wife, Mary Lea). Welcome to NELBA!

Ridge Avenue - Congratulations to Darren Guess (wife, Lacy) as their new Co-Pastor.

Positions Available

Pastor - Emmanuel, New Hope (Jones)

Worship Leader - Pine Grove, Watson

Students/Youth - Cypress

Musician - Greenacres - pianist (Call 318-282-2870 if interested.)

Coffee, Donuts,
Fellowship & Prayer

August 3
8:00 a.m.
NELBA Office

All pastors and
staff are invited!

NELBA Events

August 2026

- 3 **Coffee, Donuts, Fellowship & Prayer,**
8:00 a.m., Associational Center
- 6 **ACP Training,** 10:00 a.m - Noon,
NELBA office. Call or email to register.
- 16 **Morehouse Serve Tour Kick-off Rally,**
6:00 p.m., First, Bastrop
- 19 **Ouachita Serve Tour Kick-off Rally,**
6:00 p.m., First, West Monroe
- 21-22 **NAMB Serve Tour**
- 22 **Serve Tour Closing Rally,** 5:00 p.m.,
North Monroe
- 27 **Book Study begins,** 11:30 a.m., NELBA
office. Bring your lunch. Drinks
provided.



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- 9 **Book Study continues.**
- 14 **Coffee, Donuts, Fellowship & Prayer,**
8:00 a.m., Associational Center
- 17 **Leadership Conference,** 9:30 a.m. -
Noon, NELBA office
- 27 **Student IMPACT,** North Monroe
- 28-30 **Senior Adult Progressive Revival,**
10:00 a.m. every day. Lunch will be
\$8 per person. Mon. - McClendon,
Tue. - North Monroe, Wed. - Fair Park

Louisiana Baptist Events

August 2026

- 8 **ReGroup North,** Temple Baptist,
Ruston

September 2026

- 1 - 30 **Month of Prayer for LA Missions &
Georgia Barnette missions offering**
- 11 - 12 **Survivor Camp** - Acadian Baptist
Center, Eunice
- 11 - 13 **Champion's Camp** - Tall Timbers,
Woodworth

ANNUAL ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING

Northeast Louisiana
Baptist Association

OCTOBER 5, 2026
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
SWARTZ
🕒 6:30 PM