



September 2026

The Connection

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NELBA SENIOR ADULT

PROGRESSIVE REVIVAL

SEPT. 28-30
10:00 AM

Monday: McClendon, WM
Tuesday: North Monroe
Wednesday: Fair Park, WM



Dr. Waylon Bailey, pastor
First Baptist, Covington LA



Waylon McCormick
Ouachita Baptist



Music by
Corbin McCormick
First West

✦ Lunch served by host
churches. \$10 per person

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

Leadership Conference for Pastors & Staff

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

Lunch will be provided.

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



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5PM - 8PM

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Great finds!

Join us for

NORTHEAST BAPTIST SCHOOL RUMMAGE SALE!



Accepting donated items now!

October 2nd & 3rd
6:00 a.m. - Noon

Held at:
Highland Baptist Church
1509 Arkansas Rd.
West Monroe

Contact Monna Lee
318-381-7828

COFFEE, DONUTS FELLOWSHIP & PRAYER

SEPT. 14 @ 8:00 A.M
NELBA Office

Congratulations on your September Anniversary!

- **Sherrie Albritton**, Connections minister * 24 years * Fair Park
- **Nancy Aulds**, secretary * **5 years** * Horseshoe
- **Grant Bamburg**, pastor * 12 years * Victory
- **Julia Bain**, music director * 13 years * Twin Oaks
- **Freda Bareswill**, secretary * 7 years * Loch Arbor
- **Chris Bryant**, discipleship pastor * 13 years * Fair Park
- **James Gardner**, associate pastor * 26 years * McClendon
- **Jessica Gasca**, office manager * 3 years * First, Calhoun
- **Leslie Ingram**, secretary * **25 years** * Oak Grove
- **Bob Lonadier**, pastor * 17 years * Horseshoe
- **Frances Loyless**, secretary * 17 years * Bethel, Bastrop
- **Tara Magee**, youth director * 1 year * Mt. Vernon
- **Danny McIlveene**, senior adult/pastoral care minister * 33 years * Community
- **LaFaye Price**, music director/secretary * 47 years * Calvary
- **Ken Ronaghan**, pastor * 1 year * Center Point
- **John Russell**, pastor * 8 years * Greater New Antioch
- **Mike Silk**, music minister * 16 years * Horseshoe
- **Johnny Simpson**, worship administrator * 5 years * First, West
- **Larry Walters**, pastor * 11 years * Indian Village Community
- **Jan White**, youth director * 11 years * Horseshoe
- **Darris Warren**, associate pastor * 28 years * Fair Park
- **Grace Warren**, children's minister * 2 years * Fair Park
- **Debbie Wilson**, music director * 8 years * Cherry Ridge



Serve Tour Week began with two Kick-off Rallies. We worshipped together, heard from project leaders and were challenged to make a difference for Jesus as we serve our community!



We want to thank First, Bastrop for hosting the Morehouse Rally. The speaker was AMS Steve Kelly.



We appreciate First West who hosted our Ouachita Kick-off Rally. The speaker was Louisiana Baptist Executive Director, Steve Horn.





Churches Connecting



Bonita Baptist will be celebrating their **100th Year Anniversary** on September 27 at 10:30 a.m. featuring Believers in Christ and testimonies of church members. Everyone is invited to join them in this great event!

First West - Congratulations to their four new church staff members. Jonah Morrow is the Calhoun Campus Pastor. Katherine Kirkpatrick is the new Student Ministry Associate. Carrie Allen is now the School-Based Ministries Administrator. Brice Jones is Media and Communication Director. May God bless all of your ministries!

13th Annual "Night of Hope" gospel praise benefit for St. Jude will be Friday, November 6 at 6:30 p.m. at North Monroe. This will be a powerful night of Music and Encouragement! All are welcome.

Positions Available

Pastor - Emmanuel, New Hope (Jones), First Calhoun

Worship Leader - Loch Arbor, Pine Grove, Watson

Students/Youth - Cypress, Cheniere

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

From the Associational Mission Strategist



Serve Tour was a wonderful experience that will have a lasting influence on ministry in northeast Louisiana for years to come. Churches, ministries, and literally thousands of people were impacted at dozens of events across our region. This article will not allow adequate time to address this. I just want to praise God that we had the opportunity to do it and collectively experience what can happen when the people of God join hands and hearts across a community.

Let's use the events of late August to propel us forward. If we can do this once, then why couldn't we make a habit of it going forward? Granted, the financial resources were provided for us for Serve Tour but the real heart of Serve Tour was to help create a culture of serving & partnering through our churches. The heart that loves serving will always find the funds to serve.

My dream was that Serve Tour would bring the churches of NELBA closer together than we have been in many years. I have sensed this happening over the last several months. As churches get closer, co-operation becomes more prevalent, and the result is more people are touched by us being the personification of Jesus in a lost world.

Following Serve Tour, it is fitting that September is probably the busiest month on the calendar for us as an association to come together to hold our largest events.

Our annual leadership training event this year will occur on September 17 from 9:30 – Noon. Kevin Richard and staff counselors from the Granberry Counseling center will address various facets of pastoral counseling. Specifically, they will spend a lot of time looking at how to deal with marriage counseling and personal trauma.

On Sunday night, September 27, we are having our annual Youth Impact event. This year we are doing it beginning at 5:00 PM at North Monroe Baptist Church. With school being out on the following day, this should allow a lot of our youth to participate. In recent years we have had over 1,000 students and sponsors in attendance. For more information go to www.impactnela.com.

The following day, September 28, we begin our annual Senior Adult Progressive Revival. This year's speaker is Dr. Waylon Bailey of the First Baptist Church in Covington. Music will be led by the father/son duo of Waylon & Corbin McCormick who currently serve Ouachita Baptist and First West, Calhoun, respectively. Each day begins at 10:00. A meal will be served following each service at a cost of \$10 per day. Our locations this year are: Monday – McClendon, Tuesday – North Monroe, and Wednesday – Fair Park.

Last month, we served together. This month we learn, worship, and fellowship together. Please take advantage of the many opportunities that are before us as we seek to grow together.

Steven L. Kelly
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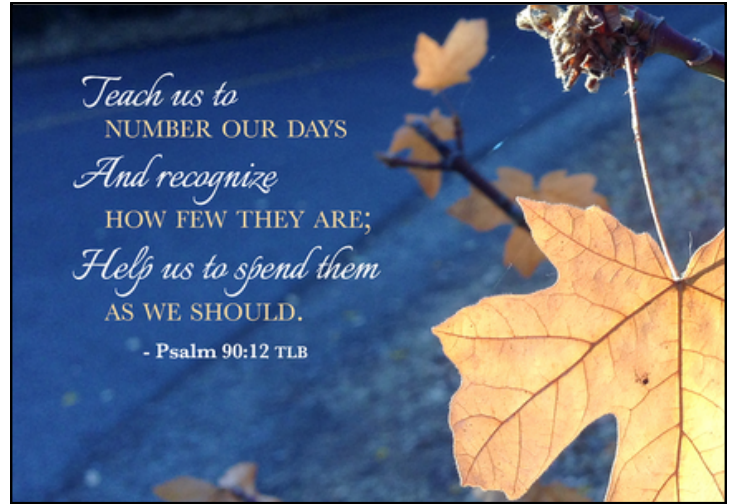
NELBA Events

September 2026

- 7 **Labor Day** (NELBA office is closed.)
- 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
- 24 **Book Study continues**
- 27 **Student IMPACT,** North Monroe
- 28-30 **Senior Adult Progressive Revival,**
10:00 a.m. every day. Lunch will be
\$10 per person. Mon. - McClendon,
Tue. - North Monroe, Wed. - Fair Park

October 2026

- 5 **NELBA Annual Meeting,** 6:30 p.m.,
First, Swartz
- 8 **Book Study continues,** 11:30 a.m.,
NELBA office
- 12 **Coffee, Donuts, Fellowship & Prayer,**
8:00 a.m., NELBA office
- 21 **Book Study continues,** 11:30 a.m.,
NELBA office
- 22-27 **Pastors' Mission Trip** to Nova Scotia,
Canada



Louisiana Baptist Events

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

October 2026

- 9 - 10 **Minister's Wives Retreat,** Tall Timbers, Woodworth
- 19 - 20 **Compassion Relief Chaplain Training,** Baptist Building, Alexandria

