



# Richland Baptist Association Newsletter

June 2026

From Your Director of Missions (D.O.M.):

June is the official start to the summer season. Summer is a busy time within our church families as they conduct Vacation Bible School and take their children and youth to summer camps. It is also a time when many families will take advantage of the schools being closed for the summer to take much needed family vacations. I want to encourage all of you to remain faithful in serving our Lord and attending your local church. Also, please be careful as you travel as traffic will be heavy throughout the summer.

As I stated last month, I want to thank all of you that will be conducting VBS this year. It truly is the most evangelistic event that you will hold as it will minister to the children that attend and their families. Let us all be in prayer for and support one another's Vacation Bible Schools.

May was our month to receive our Association's Disaster Relief Annual Offering. Thank everyone that received an offering. The funds are designated and will only be used to serve in this ministry. If your church did not receive an offering, I want to encourage you to pray about receiving one. The Disaster Relief/Chainsaw Ministry touches lives in a moment when people are discouraged and need assistance to restore normalcy to their lives. Our people do an excellent job ministering to people. I ask that you pray for them as they work locally and are deployed to various states in a moment of disaster.

Because of all of the different activities that will be taking place with summer camps, church trips and the like, we will minimize the association events to allow everyone to focus on their church family and their individual families. However, if we can assist you in any way, please do not hesitate to call on us.

All of us at your Missions Office want to wish a very Happy Father's Day to all of our men. Even though you may not have been given a child by birth, our Lord has blessed you in that all of your church children are yours to love and guide toward Christ. Thank all of you for your faithfulness.

As always, thank you for the privilege and honor to be your Director of Missions.

Yours in Christ,

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## Upcoming Events for the month of June 2026

- Jun 01-05: First Rayville VBS 8:30AM-12PM Pre-K4-6th Grade  
Newton VBS 6:30-8:00PM Ages 4yr-10yr
- Jun 04-07: Alto VBS 8:30AM-2:00PM K-5th Grade
- Jun 01-06: Breakaway Camp 1 @ Tall Timbers
- Jun 07-12: Welcome Home VBS 6:30 PM each evening
- Jun 08-12: Beouf River VBS 6:00-8:30PM Ages 3yr-6th Grade  
First Delhi VBS 9:00AM-12:30PM Pre-K-6th Grade  
BreakawayCamp 2 @ Tall Timbers
- Jun 15-19: Cedar VBS 5:30-8:00PM PreK-6th Grade  
Breakaway Camp 3 @ Tall Timbers
- Jun 19: Cedar Baptist 6:30PM "What the Bible Says About Parenting"
- Jun 21: Father's Day
- Jun 22-26: Dunn VBS 6:00-9:00PM K-6th  
Zebedee VBS 5:00-8:00PM
- Jun 25-27: Breakaway Camp 4 @ Tall Timbers
- Jun 28: Mission Dignity Sunday
- Jun 29-Jul 02: Kid's Camp 1 @ Tall Timbers
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## Upcoming Events for the month of July 2026

- Jul 04: America's 250th Birthday
- Jul 07-10: Kid's Camp 2 @ Tall Timbers
- Jul 14-17: Kid's Camp 3 @ Tall Timbers
- Jul 20-23: Children's Mission Camp @ Tall Timbers
- Jul 20-24: Start Baptist VBS 8:AM-12:00PM Pre-K4-6th Grade
- Jul 24-26: Children's Mission Adventure Camp @ Tall Timbers

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# Opportunities to Serve

Please join me in praying for our sister churches that are without a pastor. Also pray for those with other needs. If you know of someone that would serve in any of these capacities, please contact me.

Pastor: Bethel  
Lone Cherry  
Westside

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

## Something to Think About...

Since the Summer is when we typically get active in a lot of missions work, I figured I would make that the focus of my short but sweet article this month. As I usually do I got curious about that word "mission" so I decided to bounce it off AI and see where the word "mission" is most commonly used today. The answer was a little shocking:

*'The word "mission" is most commonly used across three main fields: business and organizations, military and aerospace, and general life/vocation....*

***Historically, it was almost exclusively used in religion to describe the dispatching of missionaries to spread a faith or do charitable work. Today, the business and secular use are by far the most frequent.'***

This response from AI both saddened me and made me realize a couple of things. First, "mission" seems to have been allowed to go the same route as other terms and symbols that once were the sole domain of the church. Other examples would be the rainbow (wonder where you see that most commonly today) and I have even heard growing use of any staunch advocate for something anywhere referred to as an "evangelist". Complacency and fear by the average Christian to take up these mantles and bear them out in the wider world leads to the larger world in essence hijacking the term or symbol from us.

Especially for us as Southern Baptists, why should the word "mission" most commonly in the wider world be understood as either a mission statement, a military objective, or a driving life goal more than the primary drive and task of the church and believers?!?

*"Because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold." - Matthew 24:12*

There will be numerous opportunities from VBS to various other mission and ministry opportunities in our wider community in the coming months. Let's all do our part to reclaim "mission" as our bread and butter (and it couldn't hurt to take back "evangelist" either).

- Jonathan C. Young

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