



Richland Baptist Association Newsletter

August 2022

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

Summer vacation time for our school children and youth is rapidly coming to a close. Please pray for our children, the schools that they attend, their teachers and the various administrative bodies that govern the schools of our parish.

There are several things being planned for our association. We are happy to partner with our churches to provide a very special event for the men in our area. It is planned for October 2023 and will be held in a partnership with our local association pastors, men's leaders and church families. We ask that we begin to pray now for a great moving of the Holy Spirit upon each man that will attend. I will periodically update you as to the progress of bringing this special event to fruition.

We had 16 men complete the Chainsaw Ministry Training. What a BLESSING! God is going to use our Brothers as a great witness for him to people in a time of great need. Pray for all of us as we stand ready to deploy throughout our state as needed. Pray that we will not be needed but if we are, Praise God for the men that will answer His call.

Thursday September 1, 2022 we will conduct our Richland Baptist Association Annual Meeting. It will be held at Dunn Baptist Church. We will conduct the Lord's business, share a meal together and Worship our Lord as a Family of God! Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend.

First Baptist Delhi is celebrating their 150th Anniversary on August 21, 2022. What a milestone to achieve! Thank you Brother Jeff Coleman and the church family for your faithful service to our Lord.

Brothers and Sisters, my heart is full. Richland Baptist Association consists of the Greatest Pastors and Church Families in our Lord's Kingdom. What a blessing and joy it is to serve you as we share the Good News Together!

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Upcoming Events for the Month of August

August	01:	Annual Church Profile Reporting Begins
August	07:	Send Relief Sunday
August	09:	Pastor's Conference and Lunch 11AM @Big John's Rayville
Aug	11:	Board of Directors Richland Assembly (Encampment) meeting 6PM at Eastside Baptist Rayville
August	14:	SBC Serve Sunday
August	15:	Digital Regroup Conferences (on line)
August	16:	Digital Regroup Conferences (on line)
Aug	21	First Delhi 150th Anniversary
August	28:	Global Hunger Sunday

Upcoming Events for the Month of September

Sep	01:	Richland Baptist Association Annual Meeting @Dunn Baptist Church 5PM
Sep	05:	Labor Day (Office Closed)
Sep	11-18:	Week of Prayer for Georgia Barnett State Missions Offering
Sep	16-17:	Baptist Nurses Fellowship, Tall Timbers
Sep	17:	Children's Missions Day
Sep	22:	Autumn Begins

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Opportunities to Serve

Pastor:	Calvary Baptist Church First Baptist Archibald Newton Baptist Church
Youth Minister:	First Baptist Archibald First Baptist Delhi
Pianist (Volunteer):	Zebedee Baptist Church

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

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Something to Think About...

About a week ago, I was away for a conference for my other job (You know the main one that pays the bills... I think we call those our tentmaking jobs?!?). It was held on the campus of a Catholic private college so there were a lot of long time dyed-in-the-wool Catholic faithful. I guess the experience would have been akin to any one of them being at an event held on the campus of Louisiana Christian University (still haven't quite gotten used to that) or Mississippi College in our area. Basically, the "fish out of water" feeling or a stranger in a strange land experience.

I have this t-shirt that my wife gave me after a trip she went on quite a few years ago. It is a basic black shirt with a design on the front left space (where a pocket might be) and the same design repeated larger on the back. It simply says:

**LOVE GOD
LOVE PEOPLE
SOLVE PROBLEMS**

I get more thumbs-ups and atta-boys and compliments on this shirt when I wear it from the most random of passersby. I thought my experience would be more of the same when the lady that was sitting near me at a session of the conference commented on my shirt yet once again. I couldn't have been more wrong...

After the typical "I like/love your shirt" comment, she proceeded to say, "I could never wear a shirt like that because I would be too afraid of people seeing that message and me not living up to it." I had never really thought of it in that way, but could also hear a sense of self-unworthiness when it came to God expressed in her tone.

I replied, "I don't know that any of us lives up to it perfectly but that's what God's mercy and grace are for so hopefully I am a testimony of that."

She responded, "You know, I never have thought of it that way. Thank you for sharing that!" That brief moment reminded me of an encounter a woman once had with Jesus:

*When they persisted in questioning him, he stood up and said to them, "**The one without sin among you should be the first to throw a stone at her.**" Then he stooped down again and continued writing on the ground. When they heard this, they left one by one, starting with the older men. Only he was left, with the woman in the center. When Jesus stood up, he said to her, "**Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?**"*

"No one, Lord," she answered.

*"**Neither do I condemn you,**" said Jesus. "**Go, and from now on do not sin anymore.**"*

-John 8:7-11

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