



Richland Baptist Association Newsletter

May 2025

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

Our Senior Saint revival was enjoyed by many. Brother Juri Thompson, Brother Justin Clark and Brother Jeff Coleman preached excellent scriptural sermons that challenged us to continue serving our Lord. I want to thank the church families of First Rayville, First Delhi and First Archibald for being such gracious hosts for the revival.

Please begin now praying for our Simultaneous Revival that will be conducted the first week of October. We are considering doing something a little differently this year; therefore, we cherish your prayers for wisdom in following the Holy Spirit's guidance.

This month we will celebrate Mothers. If your mother is still living, make a special effort to spend time with and love her. All of you Christian Ladies are mother's to our church babies. Thank you for loving on these children, youth and young adults. You bless them so much.

To all of our Graduates we want to say Congratulations! Your hard work and endurance has resulted in you completing a very important milestone in your life. All of us are so proud of you!

Vacation Bible Schools will begin kicking off many of our churches' summer activities. If you will let us know when your VBS is scheduled, we will gladly share the word with all of our churches.

Please pray for our mission team as they travel to Honduras this month. They will depart from Delhi on the 22nd and return on the 30th. Pray for Traveling Grace and Protection for each of them. Also pray that souls will be added to our Lord's Kingdom and that there will be an awakening started throughout their country.

As always, I thank God for each of you and for the privilege of being your Director of Missions.

Yours in Christ,

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Upcoming Events for the month of May 2025

- May 01: National Day Of Prayer
- May 05: First Baptist Rayville, Meta Ministry
- May 11: Mothers' Day
- May 12: Rural Summit @ First Natchitoches
- May 13: Rural Summit @ First Natchitoches
- May 14: Pastors Meet @ Richland Baptist Assn Office 10AM
- May 14: Pastors' Conference @ Big John's Rayville 11AM
- May 22-30: Honduras Mission Trip
- May 26: Memorial Day

Upcoming Events for the month of June 2025

- June 02: Mangham Baptist cooks for META employees
- June 02-06: Breakaway Camp 1 @ Tall Timbers
- June 09-13: Breakaway Camp 2 @ Tall Timbers
- June 11: Pastors Conference @ Richland Baptist Assn 10AM
- June 11: Pastor's Lunch @ Big John's 11AM
- June 15: Father's Day
- June 15: Louisiana Baptist Children's Home Offering
- June 16-20: Breakaway Camp 3 @ Tall Timbers
- June 20: Summer Begins
- June 30-Jul 01: Kid's Camp 1 @ 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: Lone Cherry
West New Home

Part-Time Youth Minister: First Baptist Archibald

**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...

Something broke my heart recently. I tend to observe and listen to folks because a lot of the time they will go out and tell you more indirectly than you would ever get out of a more formal interrogation. As I listened to a group of students in the midst of them playing a game, the realization came that in many ways we may be losing them. In generations past, we got the picture of the dangers being in the form of the rough rebellious teenager either in the form of the rough and tumble guy or the wilding out young lady. However, the enemy is ever subtle. He doesn't parade around as the blatant thing you can look directly at and say, "that's evil". No, his preferred ground is in the half-truths (which are no truth at all). He masquerades as an "angel of light". He stalks about like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. The lion that is trying to make the kill doesn't announce it boldly and brashly. The one making the noise draws your attention away from the crouched lioness in the tall grasses waiting to finish the job once the prey has been led their way. His false teachers and false prophets are called "wolves in sheep's clothing" because they carefully infiltrate the flock while secretly devouring it from within.

As I sat and listened to these young people play a game where a hot topic was laid out and each student either agreed or disagreed with the statement. When they came around to one of the first more "spiritual" topics in the deck (namely, whether there was life after death), the person reading the topic quickly said, "Oh, we can't do that one, it's a religious topic." and quickly placed the card on the discard pile. I inquired, "Why not?" To which they replied, "Religion and politics are just too controversial so we skip those." I quietly went back to observing the game unfold. While they wouldn't discuss spiritual topics for fear of offending or arguing, there were many other topics presented that without the blink of an eye they would nearly in unison either agree or disagree to things that would definitely not fit with a Christian worldview. It all came across as this ethos of the liberal compassionate tolerance of everything but what many of them see conservative Christianity as being these days.

In many ways, it made me afraid that while politically we may have felt like we won the battle (although the jury still remains out as to whether this will go down as a win, lose, or draw in the long run), we may be losing the war as far as the future generations. Seeds are being sown in the heart soil of young people in our community everyday. When the harvest comes, will those seed bear the fruit of righteousness that only the Word of God can produce or will we find up we have been just feeding and fertilizing a tare in the midst?

- Jonathan C. Young

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