



# Richland Baptist Association Newsletter

September 2022

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

This is an exciting time of year! The new Church Year begins on September 1, 2022. New Officers, Teachers and Committees are elected and a new vision for the church is being pursued. Please pray for all of our church families as they serve the Lord throughout our association.

Fall will begin this month and the change of seasons bring about a beautiful display of God's creation as the colors of the trees change. Fall also begins the time of school activities and busy activities for children and youth ministries. We have several of our churches seeking Youth Ministers. Please be in prayer that our Lord will send more workers into the field as Youth Ministers, Music Ministers and Pastors. Let's partner together to pray for and assist each other as the body of Christ in fulfilling each other's needs in the Kingdom's work. If you have someone within your church that can supply a need, please loan them to a sister church so that God's Kingdom will be blessed. Remember, we are not in competition with one another. My prayer is that we are in cooperation with one another.

I am looking forward to a new year. We have some wonderful things planned for our association of churches. My request is that each of us support our association and associational events. Just a few of the things planned are: Evangelism Training, Men's Ministry events, Mission Trips, expanding our Disaster Relief Teams, developing a Hispanic Ministry and more. As you can see, we can and will accomplish more for our Master together.

During the month of October on Sunday evenings at 5:30 PM, New Light Baptist Church will host Revival Services. A different speaker will preach each Sunday evening. I want to encourage those of you that are in the area, to join them during this time of revival.

Mangham Baptist will have a night of worship and fellowship to refresh and challenge today's men. Josh Reavis will be the guest speaker.. He is an excellent speaker and often speaks at the Gridiron Conference. I want to encourage all of you men to plan to attend. The service is October 2, 2022 at 7PM.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving you.

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## Upcoming Events for the Month of September

- September 01: Richland Baptist Association Annual Meeting @Dunn Baptist Church 5PM
- September 05: Labor Day (Office Closed)
- September 11-18: Week of Prayer for Georgia Barnett State Missions Offering
- September 16-17: Baptist Nurses Fellowship, Tall Timbers
- September 17: Children's Missions Day
- September 20: Pastors Conference 10AM @ Eastside (*We will meet concerning Evangelism Training with Preston Condra and go to lunch afterwards*)
- September 22: Autumn Begins
- September 25: First Baptist Archibald Homecoming 10:30 AM

## Upcoming Events for the Month of October

- October 01: Solemn Assembly @ New Light Baptist 5PM
- October 02: Cooperative Program Sunday  
Cedar Baptist Homecoming 10:30 AM  
Men's Worship Service @ Mangham Baptist 7PM  
Revival Service @ New Light 5:30PM
- October 6-8: Richland's Men's Retreat
- October 9: Dunn Baptist Homecoming 11AM
- October 15: MJAM Hammond
- October 18: Strategos Church Security Training FBC Pineville
- October 21-22: Ministers' Wives Retreat
- October 23: Day of Prayer for Association's Missions
- October 24-25: January Bible Study Regional Trainings
- October 30: Student Baptism Sunday

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# Opportunities to Serve

Pastor: Calvary Baptist Church  
First Baptist Archibald

Youth Minister: First Baptist Archibald  
First Baptist Delhi  
Alto Baptist Church

Pianist: Cedar 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...

My oldest son started college just last month with the start of the Fall semester. Although I have worked for this same university for nearly 7 years now, it is amazing to me how much different of an experience it is when viewed through the eyes of a commuting first-time freshman. Many times perspective can be the deciding factor between a wonderful experience and a tragic disaster of an impression.

It got me thinking as those of you that read this know I am want to do from time to time. How long has it been since I have thought about the experience of my church from other perspectives? The young adult that is leaving the comfy nest of your student and youth ministry into the realm of college and career life? The young parent(s) trying to find a church with either a nursery or that won't be bothered by a crying baby until they feel their child is safe and welcome in the nursery? The "senior saint" that is moving to your community because their children and grandchildren are nearby or are coming back to their long ago homeland empty like Naomi?

Everyone has a story and their story will shape their perception of your church as welcoming or smothering, engaging or overbearing, a place of worship and service or a place of tradition and status quo. How will you, (undershepherd, staff minister, lay leader), manage those expectations/perceptions?

The world would say with the proper marketing, your church could be a hit!

However, Christ says:

*'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.*

*“For ... **I was a stranger and you took me in***

*Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when ... did we see you a stranger and take you in ...?’*

*And the King will answer them, ‘**Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.**’*

**-Matthew 25:34b, 35, 37a, 38a, & 40**

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