



# Richland Baptist Association Newsletter

February 2026

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

We are already into the second month of the year. Time is certainly passing by quickly. David Jeremiah, speaks of time as a gift from God. It can not be borrowed, purchased or gotten back once it has passed. My question for all of us is, if we see time as a gift from God and are we being good stewards of the time that He has allotted us? Remember that once it has passed, it can not be retrieved or given back to you. I want to encourage all of us as individuals, churches and an association to take the time to share the Good News with everyone that we possibly can and to be faithful to the Great Commission that our Lord commanded us to follow.

February is known as the month of Love. It will be celebrated by several of our churches by hosting a Sweetheart Banquet or a special time of fellowship to celebrate the love that we have for one another. Remember that we love God because He first loved us. Let us show that love outside the church walls as we are the living and breathing Bride of our Lord Jesus. Take time to share the Love of Jesus with everyone that you come into contact with.

I want to give advance notice that we will once again hold our Senior Saint Revival. It will be from Monday March 23, 2026 through Wednesday March 25, 2026. Our Sheriff and his staff will once again bless us by preparing a fish fry for us each day.. Please begin now to make plans to announce the Senior Saint Revival and to make plans to attend. Everyone can attend each day; not just the day that the revival may be held at your local church. We will once again utilize our local pastors to provide the messages.

Please check out the calendar that is included in the monthly newsletter. You will be able to keep up with all that is happening within your Richland Baptist Association.

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 February 2026

- Feb. 01: George Liele Church Planting & Evangelism Mission Offering
- Feb. 06-07: Collegiate Evangelism Conference @ LCU
- Feb. 06-07: Pause Retreat (Pastor & Wife) @ Tall Timbers
- Feb. 10: Compassion Relief Chaplain Training @ District 8 Assn. Office Natchitoches
- Feb. 15: Focus on WMU Sunday
- Feb. 26: Moving Forward Transitional Pastor Training @ Baptist Building

## Upcoming Events for the month of March 2026

- Mar. 01-08: Week of Prayer for Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- Mar. 06-07: Teen Girl Retreat @ Tall Timbers
- Mar. 08: Church Bible Drill
- Mar. 08-10: Revival Services at Bethlehem Baptist Church
- Mar. 21: New Testament Deacon Training @ Baptist Building
- Mar. 23-25: Senior Saint Revival (Details: Each Service will begin at 10AM. We will plan on serving lunch at 11AM.)
- Monday 23rd: Mangham Baptist  
Tuesday 24th: Dunn Baptist  
Wednesday 25: Cedar Baptist
- Pastor to deliver sermon:  
Monday: Caleb Cunningham  
Tuesday: Rick Aultman  
Wednesday: Bernard Duchesne
- Mar. 28: MJAM @ Kingsville Baptist, Ball, LA
- Mar. 29: District Bible Drill

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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: Alto  
Bethel  
Lone Cherry  
Westside

Part-Time Youth Minister: First Baptist Archibald

Custodian: First Baptist Archibald

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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...

The events of the last week of January have been quite impactful on our community. Even if you were one of the lucky early ones to get back utilities quickly and were blessed with minimal damage from the ice and falling tree limbs, God cut through the noise of our routines or tried to if we gave Him the chance. Our modern world is very much at odds and conflict with the spiritual disciplines of slowing and meditation. Many of us found ourselves with plenty of opportunities for slowing and meditative quiet time (although it was a bit cold).

We are reminded in **James 1:2-4** that we should find joy when trials come up in life as it produces steadfastness or patience in other translations. Many times during those trials we are tempted to run short of patience and let our irritation boil over. This is why James later comes to the statement that "faith without works is dead." We can say that we are a patient follower of Christ but when circumstances and events in our life push us to our limits while facing suffering do we have the works that back up our vocalized faith.

However, the purpose of my article here is not to beat up on folks when they are down but to instead encourage some self-reflection on how recent events have reflected our character. As a community we have seen many bright spots come out of this storm's aftermath. Many of us have put foot to faith by checking in on our neighbors and community and putting their needs ahead of our own. We will be having the great opportunity in the coming weeks to grow our own little worlds in ministry to others even in the midst of our own suffering. With many Southern Baptist Disaster Relief boots on the ground to help us with the heavy lifting of ministry in these hard days, we also have the chance to care and minister to the caregivers. James ends that aforementioned section by saying "patience must do its complete work, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking nothing." Oh that that would be said of our community by those partnering with us in ministry over these first weeks of February.

- Jonathan C. Young

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