



# Richland Baptist Association Newsletter

March 2026

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

Winter is almost over and spring is just around the corner. Many of us recently felt the sting of a cold winter storm as the ice age of 2026 hit us. I want to take the time to personally thank our Richland Baptist Disaster Relief Chainsaw Team for their hard work and for being the hands and feet of Jesus to the community around us. I also want to thank First Baptist Church of Delhi for hosting so many Disaster Relief Teams from Arkansas, Missouri and Texas. Because of their love for our Lord and willingness to serve our people in Richland Parish, many folks were assisted in getting somewhat back to normal after the ice storm.

We are once again holding 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. This is an event that many look forward to attending as we celebrate our Lord and have a wonderful Christian Fellowship. Please invite others to attend the revival; especially a neighbor or friend that doesn't have a personal relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ.

As we look back on the month of February, let us Praise God for His Blessings on us. Some of us had damage to our homes or buildings but those are things that can be replaced. Our greatest blessing from the storm is that we are still alive to be a witness to the Goodness of God. Share your story of God's Protection, Love and Mercy. We each have a story to tell.

There are a couple of our sister churches that will be hosting revival services this month. I want to encourage you to share in the services with them. Your attendance will bless and encourage them. You will be blessed by hearing the Word and fellowshiping with the church family.

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 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: First Baptist Delhi  
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
- Mar. 29-31 Revival Services at Newton Baptist Church 6PM each evening

## Upcoming Events for the month of April 2026

- Apr. 03: Good Friday
- Apr. 05: Resurrection Sunday (Easter)
- Apr. 09: Pastors' Conference @ Big John's Rayville 11AM
- Apr. 11: Disaster Relief Training @ Temple Baptist Ruston
- Apr. 12: Baptism Sunday
- Apr. 17-18: Embrace Women's Conference @ First Baptist Zachary
- Apr. 21: State Bible Drill @ Temple Baptist Ruston

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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...

As I drive around our communities, a regular sight is the piles of limbs and debris on the edges of roads and highways throughout our parish. Each pile potentially tells a wealth of stories of near misses, could've been worse, and might've been "widowmakers" hanging precariously. In the midst of those stories are also interspersed stories of people coming to faith in Christ for the first time or coming back to faith and commitment to Christ after seeing people being the hands and feet of Jesus. But before you think it's all over, there are still stories to be told and still others that need Jesus.

Couldn't help but think of those piles and one of the situations they represent as symbolic of our spiritual state. Many of those limbs were potential life ending situations that we typically call "widowmakers". They hang quietly just waiting for someone to walk unsuspectingly beneath and WHOOSH, a person could be crushed under the weight of that burden. In a way, it is a lot like the sin in our lives. That sin, that forbidden fruit hangs precariously over our lives as a "death in potentia". Many of us don't have the ability or means to deal with it ourselves so we just try to avoid it and sometimes ignore it and pretend it will go away. But there it hangs and waits for the moment to bring death and end life.

It is in those times we need someone "be lifted up" to remove that from our lives. However, it all starts with asking. Then someone is lifted up there to cut away this lifetaking problem from us. Waves of gratefulness and relief wash over us as our fears are relieved and needs are met with compassion in a single moment. It is such a beautiful picture of what can occur in the spiritual realm as well. Sin hangs over our lives waiting to take us out of this physical life in a state of spiritual death. We recognize our need and inability to do anything about it and call out for a Savior. He revokes the power of sin and death over our lives.

I started talking about the piles and so that is where I will end as well. We speak of the old man of the sinful nature. Those piles of limbs represent that old dead self that doesn't hold any power over us anymore. There may still be the consequences of it cluttering up our lives, but it dealt with it can also stand as a testimony to the amazing love and grace of our Wonderful Savior.

- Jonathan C. Young

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