



Richland Baptist Association Newsletter

June 2022

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

Summer is here! It's time for Church Camps, VBS and many more activities for our church families. This is the busiest and most enjoyable time. As you prepare to take your children and youth to summer camp and to conduct your VBS, my prayer is that many young souls will be saved and added to our Lord's Kingdom.

On Thursday June 16, 2022 we will have an Encampment Reorganization Meeting at Eastside in Rayville at 6PM. Each Church is requested to send an appointed representative to assist in this effort. Only one representative will be able to attend and vote on issues that will be discussed. I encourage each pastor to make an effort to attend the meeting. We look forward to getting our encampment fully operational and ready to once again glorify our Lord in souls being added to His Kingdom through camps and activities conducted there.

I want to personally thank each church family that collected an offering for our Richland Baptist Association's Chainsaw/Disaster Relief Ministry. June 1, 2022 began hurricane season. Because of your generosity, we will be able to assist people in their hour of need and to present them to Christ through action and sharing the Gospel.

Please let us know how your Vacation Bible School went so that we can report to the Louisiana Baptist Convention all of the exciting things that you experienced.

Praying that each of you have a safe and wonderful summer!

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Upcoming Events for the Month of June

June	05:	Cooperative Program Sunday
June	07:	Pastor's Conference 11AM @ Big John's
June	14:	Southern Baptist Convention
June	16:	Board of Directors meeting 6PM @ Eastside (Encampment)
June	19:	Father's Day
June	26:	Mission Dignity Sunday

*The following churches and dates of Vacation Bible Schools:

First Baptist Rayville:	June 6-10	8AM-Noon
Alto	June 10-11	
First Baptist Delhi:	June 13-17	9AM-Noon
Dunn	June 20-24	6PM - 9PM
New Light	June 25	9AM-2PM (Lunch provided) (Pre-K through 6th Grade)

Upcoming Events for the Month of July

July	03:	Religious Liberty Sunday
July	04:	Independence Day
July	12:	Pastor's Conference 11AM@ Big John's Rayville

*The following churches and dates of Vacation Bible Schools:

First Baptist Archibald	July 11-15	9AM - Noon
Woodlawn	July 11-14	8:30AM - 11AM
Start Baptist	July 18-22	8AM - Noon

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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...

Did you know that Jesus dealt with “worship wars” of His own? It’s true! Check out **John 4:19-20**:

*“Sir,” the woman replied, “I see that you are a prophet. Our **ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem.**”*

So this isn’t the typical traditional hymns versus contemporary worship but the Samaritan woman at the well confronted Jesus with a difference of opinion concerning the trappings of worship. Most of our conflicts about worship are about preference and to what folks are accustomed.

To further illustrate that there is “nothing new under the sun”, even in recent history folks have been in conflict over the music used for worship (one of the many trappings of worship). In the 1930s as we were approaching the first Broadman Hymnal of 1940, the controversy was over hymns versus “gospel songs”. What’s the difference? Hymns were composed of verses or stanzas only. Gospel songs were composed of verses or stanzas with a refrain or chorus that was repeated (I wonder if they had a nickname similar to 7-11 songs for them back then?!?). More subjectively, other would try to make the distinction that hymns were focused toward God in prayer or praise while gospel songs only talked about God or salvation.

*Jesus told her, “Believe me, woman, **an hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. . . . But an hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and in truth. Yes, the Father wants such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and in truth.**”*

-John 4:21-24

It’s not about the trappings of worship. It’s about the Spirit and truth.

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