Richland Baptist Association Newsletter

November 2026

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

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone that attended our 75th Richland Baptist Associations Annual Meeting. I also want to thank the church family of First Baptist Rayville for their wonderful hospitality and the meal that was provided. Everyone was blessed by the fellowship and the message that was preached by Dr. Justin Clark.

This month will be a time of preparation for family get-togethers, harvest days at churches, and time of remembrance of all the things that our Lord has done for us.

November is when our hearts turn toward the celebration of Christmas; however, please do not be in such a hurry that we forget about Thanksgiving Day and what it represents. As we reflect on the meaning of Thanksgiving Day and its history, we are reminded of who it was that settled our country and the values that they established when they governed themselves. It is those values that have made our country so great and has allowed us to witness the freedoms that we enjoy. One of those freedoms is the right to vote. Our country is at a crossroads of what direction we as a people will take. It is important that we remember the principals and moral standards that our forefathers held so highly that they ensured they would be passed on for generations beyond their time. We all must seek the Lord's wisdom through prayer and vote the way that He would expect His people to vote.

It has been a privilege to serve you as Director of Missions for all these years. Together we have ministered to hundreds of people through the various associational supported ministries. You have been so faithful in giving of your funds, time and prayers to the combined efforts of our association. There is no such thing as a small church in God's Kingdom, if she is touching the lost and needy for our Lord. Praise God! Together, we are making a difference in the lives of those in Richland Parish and beyond the parish line.

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

Yours in Christ,

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Upcoming Events for the month of November 2026

Nov	01:	Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church
Nov	08:	Orphans and Widows Sunday
Nov	09-10:	Louisiana Baptist Convention Trinity Baptist Lake Charles
Nov	11:	Veteran's Day
Nov	14:	VBS Fall Preview @ Baptist Building Alexandria
Nov	19:	Pastor's Conference: Dr. James Jenkins, LBC, guest speaker 11:00am @ Big John's Rayville
Nov	22-23:	YEC @ Laborde Earles Coliseum, Alexandria
Nov	26:	Happy Thanksgiving

Upcoming Events for the month of December 2026

Dec	01-06:	Week of Prayer for Lottie Moon Offering
Dec	11:	Pastor and Wives Christmas Party @ FBC Delhi 6:00 PM
Dec	24	Christmas Eve
Dec.	25	Merry Christmas

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Something to Think About...

What if you knew (because God directly told you for whatever reason) that Christ was returning for His Church in the next 24-72 hours. You didn't know the exact day or hour, but you knew it was in the next 1-3 days. What would you do if you had that knowledge direct from God the Father?

I know that as soon as I start down this path of thought, many of you reading are quoting "no man knows the day or the hour" and putting together arguments as to why my hypothetical situation could never occur. However, that is entirely missing the point. My point is if you knew, would you do things differently or live differently with that awareness? If you would say,"YES!", I would only ask one more thing. Why aren't you doing that now?

- Jonathan C. Young

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