



Richland Baptist Association Newsletter

April 2022

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

Praise God! We had a wonderful Senior Saint Revival. Although we had to cancel the second day due to inclement weather, the attendance, preaching, music and the fellowship was GREAT! I want to once again thank Sheriff Gilley for the Fish Fry each day.

This month is our Holy Month as we will celebrate Easter. My prayer is that each of us will stop our busyness during this time and Praise God for our Lord's Resurrection. It is because He lives that we know that we do in fact receive Eternal Life when we receive the Lord Jesus as our Savior and Lord.

This is also the time of year when churches are getting ready for Vacation Bible School. If you will send me the dates of your VBS, we will post them in the Newsletter and on the Website. Several of our churches will not be hosting VBS and this will allow us to encourage them to ensure that they have somewhere for their children to attend this most evangelistic event.

On Sunday May 22, 2022 we will request that you receive a special offering for our Richland Baptist Chainsaw Ministry. We depend on you for our funding. Due to your generosity last year, we were able to deploy for several weeks to Denham Springs to clean up after Hurricane Ida. As a team, we completed fifty (50) Priority One jobs. Along with working the jobs, we were able to witness to, provide Bibles, pray and encourage each family that we assisted. This is the only offering that we receive throughout the year. We need to replenish our trailer and purchase a few items of equipment that we need. Please pray and give what our Lord leads you to give.

As always, I love you and count you as my richest blessing in ministry. I love you all!

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Upcoming Events for the Month of April

- April 03: Cooperative Program Sunday
- April 07: Pastor's Conference 11AM @ Big John's
- April 08-09: RA Congress, Tall Timbers
- April 10: Personal Evangelism Day
- April 15: Good Friday
- April 17: Easter Sunday
- April 24: Baptism Sunday

Upcoming Events for the Month of May

- May 01: Senior Adult Sunday
- May 05: National Day of Prayer
- May 07: M-Jam, Tall Timbers
- May 08: Mother's Day
- May 12: Pastor's Conference 11AM @ Big John's
- May 15: SBC Seminaries Sunday
- May 22: Children's Ministry Sunday
- May 30: Memorial Day

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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...

7 For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion to look for a second.

8 For he finds fault with them when he says:

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord,
when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel
and with the house of Judah,
9 not like the covenant that I made with their fathers
on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt.
For they did not continue in my covenant,
and so I showed no concern for them, declares the Lord.
10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel
after those days, declares the Lord:
I will put my laws into their minds,
and write them on their hearts,
and I will be their God,
and they shall be my people.
11 And they shall not teach, each one his neighbor
and each one his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’
for they shall all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest.
12 For I will be merciful toward their iniquities,
and I will remember their sins no more.”

13 In speaking of a new covenant, he makes the first one **obsolete**. And what is becoming **obsolete** and growing old is ready to vanish away.

- Hebrews 8:7-13 (ESV)

For nearly 100 years, economics and industrial design have operated with a concept of **planned obsolescence**. Planned obsolescence is a policy of planning or designing a product with an artificially limited useful life or a purposely frail design, so that it becomes obsolete after a certain predetermined period of time upon which it decrementally functions, suddenly ceases to function, or might be perceived as unfashionable. In this section of Hebrews we find that God had a kind of **planned obsolescence** when it came to the old covenant and the accompanying sacrificial system. Of course, God “gives to us not as the world gives” and His **planned obsolescence** was not to make sure we bought the newest latest and greatest until the next big thing, but to provide us with a whole, complete, and eternal substitution.

If God has given us an everlasting upgrade, why do we continue in a deprecated, non-functional legalism even as blood-bought Spirit-filled followers of Christ via grace through faith?

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