



Richland Baptist Association Newsletter

September 2025

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

School is in full swing now and the Friday Night Lights are underway. It is always exciting for our local schools as football season kicks off. This has traditionally been a community supported activity. I encourage you to turn out and support your student athletes. You will encourage them and bless them.

The Georgia Barnett Louisiana Missions Offering will be collected this month. The week of Prayer will be September 7, 2025 through September 14, 2025. This offering is one that is very dear to me and I pray that to you as well. The Georgia Barnett offering stays within our state. It funds many different ministries that are offered by our association and other identities around the state. We are beneficiaries of the offering in that it helps us with the META ministry that we conduct, Shade Tree Ministries, Comfort Corner, Richland Chainsaw Ministry and more. As you can see, this offering is really important as it is used to change lives and reach the unchurched for Christ within our area. I encourage you to pray about giving to this offering, set a goal as a church family and strive to reach that goal for Christ's Kingdom Work.

September is also the beginning of a new church year. I pray that each of you are excited about what lies ahead of your church this coming year. For those of you that will be serving in any capacity of your church, I want to thank you for your Love for our Lord and for being Obedient to His Call. My prayer is that each church within our association will experience Spiritual and Numerical growth this coming year. Remember what I have said multiple times: there is no such thing as a small church in God's Kingdom as long as we are doing something for him to advance His Kingdom here on this earth.

The META ministry is continuing to grow and we are continuing to develop some very important relationships with the supervisors and employees. They are really enjoying the meal that our church families are providing on a monthly basis. They look forward to what is prepared for them each time. I have heard wonderful comments from the companies thanking us for welcoming them into our area. However, we are outgrowing the capability of feeding everyone at the META site. We must come together to develop other means of ministry to reach out to them and to lead them to Christ, to a church family and to a people that will love, encourage and nurture them. Please pray for this ministry as our Lord has given us a once in a lifetime gift to reach so many people within our area for Him. Please support all of the efforts that we have planned to expand the ministry. Always remember that this ministry is not about us but all about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ,

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Upcoming Events for the month of September 2025

Sep. 01	Labor Day (Office Closed)
Sep. 05-06:	RA Survivor Man @ ABC Camp Eunice
Sep: 05-07:	Champion Camp @ Tall Timbers
Sep. 7-14:	Georgia Barnett Offering Week of Prayer
Sep. 08:	META MEAL
Sep. 11:	Pastors' Conference at Big John's / Rayville 11AM
Sep. 14:	Children's Baptism Sunday
Sep. 20:	Children's Mission Day
Sep. 26-27:	RA Camp-O-Ree @ Camp Harris

Upcoming Events for the month of October 2025

Oct. 05:	Co-OP Program Sunday
Oct. 05:	Simultaneous Revival @ 6PM Northern Kingdom: START Southern Kingdom: ALTO
Oct. 06:	Simultaneous Revival @ 7PM Northern Kingdom: FIRST RAYVILLE Southern Kingdom: MANGHAM
Oct. 07:	Simultaneous Revival @ 7PM Northern Kingdom: WOODLAWN Southern Kingdom: FIRST ARCHIBALD
Oct. 10:	Pastor's Conference @ Big John's 11AM
Oct. 20:	Richland Baptist Assn. Annual Meeting @ ALTO Executive Board Meeting @ 5:00 PM Evening Meal @ 5:30 PM Meeting Begins @ 6:15 PM
Oct. 21:	January Bible Study @ LBC 9AM-12PM

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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: Bethel
Holly Ridge
Lone Cherry

**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 write this, two high school sports are taking off with regards to the school year. They are football and cross country. Both are exciting to me for different reasons this time of year. While many times "football is king" around our area, I think we can take some definite guidance from the TEAM nature of both aforementioned sports.

Football is pretty obvious as you need your full complement of players to play (and preferably a deep enough squad that you can change out players for different aspects of the game). While there are numerous individual coaches, the final responsibility lands on the shoulders of the head coach. Individual players can hit the weight room or the track to improve their athletic ability in general for the aspects of the game they will need that strength and/or speed. But ultimately, the head coach comes up with a cohesive strategy and plan that incorporates the accumulated strengths and abilities the team has while trying to limit exposure of their weaknesses to the opposition.

Cross Country as a team sport is scored a lot like golf in that the lowest team score wins. Individual team members account for points based on what place they come in as far as overall so first place would only accumulate 1 point for your team, while fourth place would net 4 points for the team. A team is composed of roughly 7 members and the places of all are included to make up the team's final score. In cross-country, an individual team member can also work to improve their athletic ability so that they can put forth their best effort. The coach is there to come up with an overall strategy for how the individual elements of the team can run their best paces and key off of one another to achieve the best team result.

Both sports have a team effort led by a coach in terms of the big picture while there is important responsibility for each individual team member to take a hearty self-assessment to be the best athlete they can be to fit their particular role.

And he gave ... to equip ... for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God ... to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.... Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the Head [Coach], into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love. (Ephesians 4:11-16)

- Jonathan C. Young

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