“No one can go back and make a brand new start, however anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending.”

- Ziad K. Abdelnour

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Dear Editor:
The pro and anti Common Core legislators have struck a “compromise” over the adoption of Common Core in Louisiana. What is the compromise? How will this compromise affect the classroom next year? Why are they coming to the table now? The compromise is comprised of three bills and is still a work in progress. The actual text can be found at www.legis.state.la.us under “Bills” for the 2015 session.

Representative Brett Geymann, who will not be returning in 2016 due to term limits, authors the main bill, HB 373. This legislation requires that any standards adopted must first go through the APA or Administrative Procedures Act process requiring that the changes be posted for public notice and comment for at least 90 days. Previously, all standards in Louisiana were developed through this procedure by policy, not law. When the Common Core standards were adopted it was the first time the APA policy of the Louisiana Department of Education (LADOE) was ignored. This is why 17 legislators filed a lawsuit against he LADOE. Louisiana has had educational standards for the past 100 years and had the second highest standards in the nation before Common Core was adopted. Under present language in HB 373 Legislative oversight by the House and Senate Education Committees is possible, but not required. The Governor will have authority to veto any proposed standards or changes. Senate Education Committee chairman, Conrad Appel, has authored SB 43 that allows the governor opportunity to veto the proposed standards under the APA, but only as a package. No line item veto will be allowed.

Finally, Representative Schroder of Covington caps off the compromise with HB 542 that requires the Department of Education to contract with another vendor other than PARCC (one of two consortia used to develop the Common Core tests) in accordance with the La. Procurement Code, for assessments for grades three through ten in English language arts and math for the 2015-2016 school year.

This bill limits assessment questions, to not more than 49.9% that can be based on the blueprint developed through the PARCC process or processes conducted by a federally funded consortium of states. In essence, we will have a test that has PARCC questions, but not be provided or contracted with PARCC that is federally funded.

Common Core standards will continue to be used in Louisiana classrooms for at least one more year, until the new standards are developed by a review board, adopted by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) and approved by the Legislature and Governor. Tests that align to the Common Core standards will be required as long as we continue to “teach to the test.” Members of the standards review board have been recommended by their districts and hand picked by Supt. John White of the Department of Education. Currently, a majority of proposed members chosen are known to be pro Common Core. BESE will vote at their June 17th meeting on the final members who will be part of this four committee review team; steering committee, K-2 standards development, 3-12 math content and 3-12 English language arts content team. Classroom teachers in the system are forbidden from making any negative comments about the standards. However, many teacher leaders in the public schools are paid to promote the standards. The legitimacy of the review is in question because of the formation of this board. Those who develop standards know that it is the people who make-up the board that determines the outcome, not the process itself. Work begins no later than July 1, 2015 and the proposed standards are to be adopted by BESE at their March 4, 2016 meeting, giving the public don’t like it. Too many of the contributors to their campaign are forbidden from making any negative comments about the standards.

Elections will be held in October/November 2015, so many legislators do not want to be bothered with a serious discussion of the Common Core Initiative that includes standards, testing and data collection. Neither do they want to speak out against Common Core even though up to 80% of the public don’t like it. Too many of the contributors to their campaign are corporations or groups that are promoting the Common Core standards. This compromise gives our elected officials political cover and kicks the can down the road to a new BESE, Legislature and governor. Whether this “compromise” will give us Louisiana standards unlike Common Core that we control remains to be seen. There will be at least one public hearing in each congressional district. The determining factor will be how engaged citizens are in the process.

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Marriage, Conscience and the Future of Liberty in Louisiana
LA State Representative Mike Johnson

Now that the Louisiana Marriage and Conscience Act (HB 707) has been stalled in the Legislature, and then converted by Governor Bobby Jindal into the form an Executive Order (EO), it is useful to summarize why the bill was so urgently needed, and why the EO is so important.

In constitutional law terms, April 28 was a seismic event. On that day, during oral argument at the U.S. Supreme Court, the Obama Administration's Solicitor General, Donald Verrilli, made a shocking admission. Since the Court is being urged to require all 50 states to recognize same-sex marriage by late June, the conservative justices questioned Verrilli about what happens next. Justice Samuel Alito asked if the tax-exempt status of religious entities will then be in jeopardy if they maintain their beliefs in traditional marriage. Verrilli frankly admitted: “It is going to be an issue.” He explained that each state will now have to “work out the balance” between its religious freedom protections and same-sex marriage.

The EO (borrowing the language of HB 707) now strikes that balance here in a careful manner that is sensitive to the interests of all people. This is critically needed. From California to Maine, from Georgia to New Mexico—charities, schools and small businesses are already being fined and punished for not endorsing same-sex marriage. Increasingly, states are denying and withholding licenses, certifications, contracts, state accreditation and non-profit status from religious observers simply because they still agree with a definition of marriage that has been in existence for more than five millennia. If the state is going to respect the rights and dignity of all people, it must begin with the right of sincerely held beliefs such as this.

Should a Catholic charity be denied tax-exemption because of its view on marriage? Should a Christian college be denied accreditation for allowing only heterosexual couples into married housing? Should a Muslim social worker be denied a license simply for refusing to provide marriage counseling to a same-sex couple? Of course not.

The government must not be allowed to discriminate against individuals and nonprofits simply for believing in traditional marriage, and, like HB 707, that’s what the EO prevents. It ensures that no division of our state government will deny or withhold from these folks any tax-exempt status, license, certification, accreditation, employment or state contract to which they would otherwise be entitled. In this way, the EO protects every individual’s fundamental right of conscience, the most basic inalienable right we have.

Contrary to what you may have heard, this common sense measure does not create any “right to discriminate,” and it harms no one. To the contrary, it positions Louisiana as a model of tolerance because it encourages a respectful, diverse society wherein citizens from all viewpoints can peacefully coexist. People of good faith should be able to act in a way that is reasonable and consistent with their deepest convictions, and yet still honor the dignity and value of those with whom they disagree.

Our commitment to religious freedom here runs deep. A statewide poll released May 18 showed that two-thirds of Louisianans (67 percent of likely voters) supported the language of HB 707, and the enthusiasm was consistent across all demographics, regardless of race, sex or political party (even 63 percent of Democrats supported the bill). In this warm, welcoming state, we believe it’s still possible to love all people AND to preserve liberty. And we will show the nation how.

La. State Rep. Mike Johnson (R-Bossier City) is the author of HB 707, and a constitutional law attorney.
Defending the Faith - Linking Culture with Truth

Does ISIS Represent Islam?
by Stephen R. Patton, M.D

Westboro Baptist Church (WBC) in Topeka, Kansas, has been attracting headline news for years by picketing high profile events. They recently disrupted military funerals by displaying picket signs with disgusting slogans. At the time of this writing, the WBC is scheduled to disrupt the funeral of Omaha police officer Kerrie Orozco, recently killed in the line of police duty. Her funeral will be defiled by a WCB church-sponsored picket line bearing obnoxious placards. The WBC has already released the statement, “Officer Orozco was cut down in her prime by an angry God for the collective sins of the Omaha community.”

Although the WBC and mainstream Christianity share many basic beliefs, their radical beliefs and actions don’t speak for the vast Christian majority. Moreover, they give Christianity a bad name. I wish newscasters wouldn’t pay so much attention to them. They are a very small group and their practices and interpretations of the Bible don’t reflect that of the vast majority of Christians.

The same is true of the Muslim group ISIS. Although Muslim in name, their extreme aggression and violence separate them from mainstream Islamic faith. They don’t speak for the vast majority of Muslims, in fact, most of their violence is directed at other Muslims. They give Islam a bad name. I wish the newscasters wouldn’t pay so much attention to them. They are a very small group and their practices and interpretations of the Koran don’t reflect those of the vast majority of Muslims.

Where can we turn to get a better understanding of Muslims, what the majority of them believe and how we can relate to Muslims at home and abroad? One place to gain better knowledge of Islam is a podcast called “Truth about Muslims.” The goal of the podcast is to educate Christians about Muslims “beyond the media.” You can easily find the podcast on the Internet (www.zwemercenter.com/zwemer-podcast/) and listen on your own schedule. One of their sponsors is the Zwemer Center for Muslim Studies. The executive director of the Zwemer Center is Jerry Rankin who was a Southern Baptist missionary for 40 years and served in countries with large Muslim populations like Indonesia and Bangladesh.

On one of the podcasts (#9) Dr. Rankin is interviewed. When asked about ISIS and the events in the Middle East he says, “There is a vast diversity in Islam... what we see happening in... the Middle East is not necessarily... applicable...in other areas. We can’t see it (Islam) as a monolithic religious system.” Although the events in Afghanistan and the Middle East seem so discouraging and hopeless, Rankin says God is using these events to open the Islamic world to the gospel. He says “we need to look beyond the headlines and what is obvious to see God moving to fulfill His mission.” (Haggai 2:22) The actions of ISIS are causing Muslims the world over to rethink their religious beliefs in light of the disillusionment they feel by the current violence in the Middle East. For example, waves of Muslim refugees fleeing ISIS troops who are slaughtering the innocent in the name of Allah are rethinking their own faith in light of this carnage. Rankin sees these current events as a challenge to the world Christian movement for progress of the Gospel. This can only occur, he says if Christians are up to the challenge and go there responding to such crisis with assistance and the Gospel.

For more information please visit http://www.facebook.com/pages/RTB-Shreveport-La-Chapter/458206870872208?ref=hl or email Shreveport@reasons.org

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Crescent Project
Praying for the Muslim World

Words fail us sometimes. In the face of the world’s troubles, the Lord is our Rock and gives us the words to speak in grace and peace (Romans 8:26). When you are not sure how best to pray for the Muslim World, we pray that these six tips will give you a place to begin.

1) Pray in the name of our Lord and Saviour, for He alone can cleanse sin and save. Matthew 6:9.

2) Pray for your Muslim neighbour, colleague, co-worker, roommate, or carpool fellow by name. Pray that God will call your friend to His arms and that their salvation would be found in the loving sacrifice of Jesus. Job 42:10.

3) Pray for your Muslim friend with the words of Scripture (like the one above). You are in a unique position, because you may know more than any other Christian about what is happening in the life of your Muslim neighbor, and you can pray specifically for them and their needs. Many Christians, who used to be Muslim, can testify that they are Christians because Jesus, and not Allah of the Qu’uran, answered their prayers. James 5:16.

4) Pray for the Muslim owners and proprietors of nearby businesses. If you are not sure who is around you, check out http://www.islamicfinder.org/ or http://www.salatomatic.com/. Find a business close to you, pray for the employees and maybe pay a visit. As a customer, you have a valuable opportunity to connect with local businessmen and women. 2 Timothy 1:7.

5) Pray with other Christians. Seek out other Christians in your churches or small group who also have a desire to see a change in the Muslim world. Pray together that the Lord will move hearts and minds for the Kingdom. Matthew 18:20.

6) Have faith in Christ Jesus that that He will answer your prayer and that He alone can save. John 15:16.

For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”
Matthew 18:20
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*Jonathan Peterson*

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Personal Testimony of Vince Rhodes

My journey in life started downhill at a very young age. My family was broken before I was even born. My father’s second marriage ended with my mother stepping out of the picture when I was just three months old. My mother would send me presents on my birthday and on holidays. When I was about six she brought a present instead of sending it. When I realized she was there, I ran outside to see her, only to see the car pulling away. Eventually the presents quit coming, and I didn’t meet her ‘til I was 18. People used to say I was “shy,” but I was heartbroken and depressed.

My father was married once before with three other kids, and he had custody of all his children. Hitting on hard times, he handed the two younger kids over to the state, but our grandmother rescued them and raised all of us. Working off-shore (seven off and seven on), he played part-time dad and paid the bills. There was a lot of anger and bitterness, especially between Dad and my brothers. He liked whiskey, and as I grew up I hated what that did to our family.

I was drinking beer a little when I was old enough to hold a can with both hands. By the time I was ten I was on the way to becoming an alcoholic. Next came cigarettes and then weed at 12. I thought that was great stuff. It relieved my pain and hurt, but my depression got worse. As I grew into adolescence the only woman I trusted was my grandmother. Dad had porn in the house, and of course I found it. That ruined my impression of women even more. By the time I was 13, I was an alcoholic drug user, cigarette smoking porn addict.

I started hanging out with the wrong crowd, got in trouble and eventually quit school. By this time my three older brothers were out of the house, Dad was hardly around and I was alone with my aging grandmother who couldn’t control me. My teenage years were filled with rebellion. Even though I was getting in trouble, I was getting attention.

At 18 I found out, by the hardest way possible, that I had a little sister. Our first meeting was seeing her in her casket. She had been hit by a car while riding her bike. We looked so much alike… I said hello and goodbye. It was that same night I met my mother for the first time. I finally had a mother.

The relationship with my mother lasted a few years. One day when I went to visit her, I was asked, “Didn’t she tell you?” She had got married and moved to Texas. I was devastated. My mother dropped me like a hot potato for some man she’d only met weeks before. A few months later when he died she called asking for another chance, but I told her I didn’t have what that did to our family.

By age 21 I had 3 DWI’s and the last one almost landed me in jail for 5 years. My depression was getting worse. I called a rehab place in Lafayette, LA, and after going through the program and AA I managed to go 18 months clean and sober. Then one day the devil caught me with boredom. I bought beer and visited a friend that I knew would have marijuana. “Vince” was back and going strong.

At 30, I was losing the fight with depression and tried to take my life with pills. The only thing that happened was that I was sick for a few days.

Time marched on and I was still depressed, still drinking and doing drugs, but I managed to keep the same job for four and a half years and made it look like I was ok. Then I got laid off. That was hard. I still hid my problems, but I couldn’t get another job and was watching my savings dwindle down to nothing. I was tired of suffering, and all I could think about was killing myself.

Again I took pills to end my life, and that time I would have died if one of my brothers hadn’t showed up at my house. I hoped that they would get me some kind of help, but when I was well enough, the hospital just released me to go home.

Still suicidal and broke, I moved in with my father. I was 48 at the time. When my father became sick, and I took him to the hospital. They said he had cancer and he died ten days later. He was my last hope… I continued to live in his house. I worked some but lived off the money from his insurance and his savings. When my brothers wanted to sell the house, we did.

Refusing an offer to move in with one of my brothers I took all my money, about $20,000 in cash, said I was moving to Florida and left for California. I bounced around living in motels for about a year. Depression was eating me up, and all I could think about was ending my life.

I decided I would go to Louisiana to die. I knew of a place near the Atchafalaya River where no one would be around. While sitting in the truck with my loaded gun on the dash, I drank beer and began thinking that if I died I wouldn’t go to heaven. That’s what I was always told.

Then, I shot myself, aiming right for my heart. I had practiced how I would do it, many, many times. Only God could have made me miss. I sat in the truck awhile, then thinking I’d still die, I moved from the truck and laid down…. Four hours later I woke up covered in blood. I was in a lot of pain, both physically and mentally. I thought, “Do I shoot myself again or go for help?” I think Jesus himself spoke to me. I went for help.

After driving about 20 miles, I found someone to call an ambulance. The first to come were two officers, who seemed like angels to me. They comforted me ‘til the ambulance got there and I was taken to Rapides General Hospital in Alexandria. The hospital staff put me on suicide watch.

After about two weeks, when I was released, I had nowhere to go. Noticing my devastation over what might happen to me at that point, a doctor assured me that he would get me some help. Finally, a ray of hope! I was in the hospital 47 days and I can say that everyone who worked with me helped me in some way. Even the two Sheriff’s deputies I had met earlier came to see me.

A case worker from Northwest Human Services assured me during a visit that wherever I lived in LA I could get psychiatric help for my depression. When she left I turned the TV back on and Joyce Meyers was pointing at me saying I was one of Jesus’ lost sheep and that He was coming to get me some kind of help. I was well enough, the hospital just released me to go home.

After a week or so, I started getting better. I decided to go for help. I was still suicidal and broke, I moved in with my father. I was 48 at the time. I continued to live in his house. I worked some but lived off the money from his insurance and his savings. When my brothers wanted to sell the house, we did.

I was picked up at the bus station by two gentlemen, Rev. Ingram and Rev. Hemphill from the Shreveport Bossier Rescue Mission. Arriving at the Mission, I thought to myself, “So this is what I’ve made of my life.” I
didn’t know what to think or what I should expect to come next. After about three weeks, I was sent on to Zion Ridge, and there I discovered the closeness with Jesus that I needed. I was baptized there, earned my G.E.D. there and graduated from the program in September of 2013. During that time the case worker who suggested Zion Ridge, saw that I got continued help from a doctor and help with my medications.

After graduation I worked for The Shreveport Bossier Rescue Mission as a Warehouse Supervisor, and lived in housing provided by The Mission. The new me was getting a hold on things.

I wanted to join everything I could that would bring me closer to God and Jesus, so when I heard about Celebrate Recovery I joined. I’m now on the leadership team. I attended the host church and it was through church and CR that I met my wife. We were married in February of 2014.

On June 6, 2012, when I shot myself, Jesus stepped in and said “You’re going to heaven, you’re just not going tonight.” He has changed my life and I am happy to be alive. I want to live this new Christian life he has given me. I no longer see psychiatrists by their choice, or take medications, my choice. I take recovery seriously and wouldn’t change a step that brought me to where I am today. I trust that every step of the past and future is part of God’s plan. I am grateful that God is patient.

About Zion Ridge

At Zion Ridge, a 22 acre property in Greenwood, LA, men are removed from day-to-day stresses and temptations, something difficult to achieve in the inner-city facility of the Shreveport Bossier Rescue Mission. Greater program success has been linked with concentrated training in a rural setting. The men pursue educational goals, get daily Bible study and also instruction in financial literacy, anger management, and other necessary life skills while living there.

Through work therapy men spend part of each day in constructive activities like gardening, cleaning, cooking, carpentry, and raising chickens. For more information about the Zion Ridge Men’s Discipleship Training Program, contact Rev. Jim Brackman, Men’s Program Director, at (318) 938-7555 or email him at jbrackman@nullsbrescuemission.com.
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- Believer’s Worship Center 6068 Hwy 3 902-2750
- Benton First Baptist 201 Bellevue Rd. 902-2351
- Benton Presbyterian - Church Corner of Airline & Linton Rd. - 11:00 Sunday 747-2802
- Cypress Baptist 4701 Patello Rd. 902-2296
- Elizabeth Baptist 301 Old Bellevue Rd. 902-2592
- Fellowship Tabernacle 4709 Patello Rd (Sun) 11am, 6pm § 9:45am 902-9324

**Blanchard Area:**
- Church of the Nazarene 251 N. Main St. 929-2831
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- Sun. 9:30&10:30am youth 6:30 pm 929-6200

**Bossier Area:**
- Airline Baptist 4007 Airline Dr. (Sun) 8:15 & 10:45am, 6pm, (Wed) 6pm 746-3495
- Airline Dr. Church of Christ 2125 Airline Dr. (Sun)10:10am & 6pm § 9am, (Wed) 7pm 746-2645
- Barksdale Baptist 1714 Jimmy Davis Hwy (Sun) SS 10:15am & 6pm, (Wed) 6pm 729-3525
- Westlake Baptist 8379 N. Lakeshore Dr. 929-2237

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**Keithville Area:**
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**Plain Dealing:**
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- First Baptist Princeton 1298 Princeton Rd (Sun) 10:00 & 11:00 am, 6pm (Wed) 7:00 949-3682

**Shreveport Area:**
- Baptist Tabernacle / Shreveport Christian Academy. 8501 E. Kingston Road. 679-7551
- Bethel Assembly of God 5801 Bert Kouns Loop § 9:30am (Sun) 10:30am, (Wed) 6:30pm 679-4207
- Bright Star Baptist Church 3330 Meriwether Rd. (Sun) 9:30 & 10:45 am 686-7924
- Broadmoor Baptist 4110 Younes Dr. 686-6552
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- Broadmoor Methodist 3715 Younes Dr. (Sun CS) 8:30 & 11am, (Wed) 7pm 861-0586
- Calvary Baptist Church 3933 Linwood Ave. (Sun) 8:30 & 10:45am, 6:30pm 687-4920
- Central Christian Church (DOC) 201 Bert Kouns (Sun) 10:45am 686-3060
- Christ Center 6080 Jefferson Paige (Sun) 10:30am, (Wed) 7pm 525-9033
- Christ Lutheran 290 Indema St. SS 9:00 Worship 10:30 518-8767
- Christian Center of Shreveport 207 Indema St. 688-9250
- Church at River Red 230 Flournoy Lucas Rd Sunday 10:00 a.m. Wed. 6-8:00 p.m. 213-3600
- Church of Christ/North 3401 N. Market St. § 9:30am, (Sun) 10:30am, 6pm 226-1305
- Church on the Rock 5035 North Market 227-2902
- Ellerbe Road Baptist Church 10705 Ellerbe Rd. 798-1988
- Emmanuel Baptist 5830 Buncombe Rd. 687-7548
- Emmanuel Christian Ministries 5700 Roberts 636-2567
- Eternal Life Baptist Church 1744 Nicholson St. Sun. 10:45 a.m. § 6:00 p.m. 272-0933
- Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church 3013 Fisher Street 425-3390
- Faith Tabernacle 4911 Pine Hill Rd. (Sun) 11am 227-2204
- First Baptist Church Shreveport 543 Ockley Drive, Bible Study 9:15, Worship 10:30 a.m. www.fbschreveport.org
- First Baptist Church Cedar Grove 6906 Henderson Ave. SS 9:30 Worship 10:45 - Tues 6:30 865-8984
- First United Methodist Church of Princeton 118625 Hwy 11 749-8269
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- First United Methodist Church of Texas St. 242-7771
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- Galilee Baptist 1500 Pierce Ave. 221-2629
- Gateway Church 9252 Younes Dr. (Sun) 9 & 10:15am, (Wed) 7pm 797-6337
- Glad Tidings Assembly of God 597 Kingston Rd. 688-3940
- Grace Presbyterian 3201 Centenary (Sun) 10:45am § 9:30am 344-1232
- Greater Faith Christian Church 6934 Jewella (Sun) 11:00am, (Mon) 7pm, (Wed) 621-8988
- Greater Hope Baptist Church 4355 Greenwood Rd (Sun) 9:00 am, 10:30 am, Wed 7pm 635-9242
- Greenwood Acres Full Gospel Baptist Church 7480 Greenwood Road (Sun) & 8 & 10:30am, 6pm, (Wed) 7pm 938-1885
- Haynes Ave Baptist 610 Haynes (Sun) 10:30am, 6pm, (Wed) 6pm 865-2507
- Heritage Baptist Church 2801 Creswell 222-0868
- Highland Center 416 Highland Center 222-8040
- Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 8895 Younes Dr. 71115 SS 9:15 Worship 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. 797-9402
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11:00 Sundays
Norris Ferry Community Church 10509 Norris Ferry Rd. (Sun) 9:00; 10:30 a.m.
349-4773
North Highlands United Methodist 835 Polesman. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Parlor Fellowship
11:00 a.m. traditional Worship
221-4716
North Shreve Baptist 4930 Old Mooringsport 425-2350
North Star Baptist 5304 Jewella (Sun) 11am, § 9:30am
613-1154
Northview Assembly of God 3627 N. Market St.
424-7580
Oakmont Church of God 5925 W. 70th St
687-5243
Paradise Baptist Church 1706 Hollywood 636-5356
Sunday: 9:15 and 11:00 a.m. Monday:
Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
Pinecroft Baptist 8002 Jewella Ave 686-5200
Pleasant Hill Baptist 4670 Lakeshore Dr. 636-6800
Praise Temple Full Gospel Baptist Cathedral
Corporate Headquarters
4725 Greenwood Road
631-5683
The Refuge, Meeting at Savoy's, the Catering Place, SS 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.
and 6:00 p.m. Prayer meeting 5:45 Wed.
Rose Park Baptist 5560 Buncombe Rd 687-8272
Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic 4736 Lyba
(Sat) 4:30pm (Sun) 9am, 11:30am.
635-2121
St Andrew Presbyterian Church
3625 N. Market
221-3357
Saint Lake's Methodist 6012 Youree 868-3613
St. Mary AME Church 1603 Rex Ave. S S 9:30am Worship 11am Wed B S 6:30.
222-3997
St. Matthias Episcopal Church
3301 St. Matthias Drive
Wed. 6:00 pm. Sun., 9:00 am and 10:15 am
318-635-5354
St. Nicholas Orthodox Christian 9100 Youree (Sun)10:00 am, SS 11:30; Wed-Sat. 6:00
797-2226
Saint Paul's Episcopal 275 Southfield Rd (Sun) 8 & 10:30am, (Wed) 10am
865-8469
St. Paul Lutheran M S 4175 Lakeshore Dr.
(Sun)10:00 a.m., § 9:00am 636-2310
Salvation Army
200 E. Stoner 2497-7463
Shiloh Baptist 421 Webster (Sun) 11am, § 9:30am, (Wed, Thu) 6pm
635-8543
Showers of Blessing Ministries 6500 Fairfield Ave (Sun) 9:30 & 11am, 7pm, (Thu) 7pm
861-2472
Shreve Baptist Temple 288 Flournoy Lucas, Shreveport 686-5538
Shreveport Community Church
5720 Buncombe Rd
671-7100
Springs of Grace 6300 Hearne Ave (Sun) 9am, 10:30am. Evening 5:00pm. (Wed) 6:15 pm.
635-9723
Stoner Hill Baptist Church 1201 Cornwell Ave.
Sunday 8:30, 9:30, 11:00 a.m. Wed. 6:00pm.
221-9871
Summer Grove Baptist
South Park Mall, 8924 Jewella Avenue 686-1470
Summer Grove United Methodist
9119 Dean Rd. (Sun), 9am, SS 10am, (CS) 11am, Y, 4pm
686-2514
The Rock Family Center 2837 Summer Grove Dr. in Shreveport
(Sun) 10:30am, (Wed) 7pm
518-8603
The Simple Church
Shreveport Convention Center - 8:30, 9:30 and Tinseltown - 9:30, 10:30. 752-2320
Trinity Baptist Church 5895 Bert Kouns Ind. Loop. 71129. (Sun) 9:30am, 10:30, 6:30 pm.
Wednesday, 6:30pm.
686-2300
Trinity Heights Baptist 3820 Old Mooringsport
221-2495
United House of Prayer 2888 Lakeview Rd (Tues) 7pm, (Fri) 7pm, (Sun) 10am
424-9555
Unity of Faith Baptist Church 272 E. 78th St. SS 9:30 Worship 10:45 - Thurs. 6:00 p.m.
512-5366
University Church of Christ - 2045 E. 70th St. 797-6333
Vineyard 613 Ashbourne Dr (Sun) 10:30am
686-4991
Western Hills Baptist 4153 Pines Rd
636-2408
Westview Christian 7188 Greenwood Rd 635-0356
Willow Point Baptist 5500 S. Lakeshore Dr. (Sun) 10:45am, 5pm. (Wed) 6:15pm
631-8500
Woodridge Baptist 850 E. Bert Kouns
861-3519
Word of God Ministries 6645 Industrial Loop
Sun. 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.; Wed: 6:30pm
364-8977
Word of Deliverance Family Life Church - 5700 W 70th Wed 6:00 Sun 10:30
Wed Life Of Center 4425 Meriwether Rd, 71109
Sun. 9 & 10:45 a.m. Wed 7 p.m. 688-4411

THE BRIDGE can be found at the following businesses:

Adam's Eye Care 3911 Benton Rd - Bossier
Ainsworth Hair Color Salon 401 Hamilton Rd. Suite 118 - Bossier.
Azalea Estates 516 E Flournoy Lucas Rd - S`port
Azalea's Cleaners 732 Azalea Dr. - Shreveport
Bill's Cleaners Laundry Shoe Rep 3566 Greenwood Rd - S`port
Bossier Parish Libraries Check with your local branch
Blanchard Elderly Apartments, 231 N. Main - Blanchard
Brigham's Family Dental Center 2281 Benton Rd - Bossier
Brookdale Bossier 2540 Beene Blvd.
Caddo Council on Aging 4015 Greenwood Road, S`port
Caddo Paint 480 E. Bert Kouns Shreveport
Caddo Parish Libraries Check with your local branch
Chandler, John M.D. 1519 Doctors Dr. - Bossier
Christian Services 1252 Sprague St Shreveport 222-1256
Colonial Oaks Guest Care Center - 4901 Medical Dr. - Bossier
Consider the Lillies Florist
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Abortion Recovery – Unplanned Pregnancy: Help is available, free of charge. All calls are confidential. Ark-La-Tex Crisis Pregnancy Center in Shreveport. 861-4600 or hotline # 1-800-395-HELP. Parenting Education combined with emotional support and practical assistance also available at the Ark-La-Tex Learning Center. 861-3232.

Alzheimer Support –Noon, 2nd Wednesday each month. Hunter Bldg. room 104. Lunch provided for $7.00. FMI email Pam Crews at pcrews1@gmail.com or call 424-7771. First Methodist Church, downtown Shreveport

Celebrate RecoveryChurch at Red River, Faith-based 12 Step Program. Fridays, 6:00 p.m. meal, 6:30 program. 230 Flourney Lucas Road in Shreveport. Free childcare. 213-3600

First Baptist Bossier – Faith-based 12 Step Program. Mondays, meal at 5:30 prior to meeting at 6:00 p.m. 2810 E. Texas in Bossier. Free childcare. 746-7940

Christians Against Substance Abuse/CASA 13 step program Wednesdays 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Contact: (318)746-2645

Airline Drive Church of Christ 2125 Airline Drive in Bossier

Couples/ Marital Counseling - Individual Counseling for Children and Adults - Family Therapy Bellaire Baptist Church in Bossier. FMI call 698-1604 or email karen@bellairebaptist.org

Confidential counseling for veterans and active service military and their families: Contact Clint Davis at Samaritan Counseling Service, 318-221-6121.

Deaf Ministry - dDeaf Community (that’s correct) exists to support the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in the Ark-La-Tex through Friday evening socials, leadership opportunities, serving in the community, worship, Bible study and more. While dDeaf Community is a ministry of First United Methodist Church, one need not be a member to participate. All are welcome! Contact Lisa Turnbull at lt Turnbull@fumcsreveport.org for more info.

DivorceCare Support Group - Summer Grove Baptist - 4:30 to 5:50 p.m. in Room 2S inside Entrance 2. Call Amelie at 686-1470 to register.

Free Grocery Registration and Distribution New Vision Community Church-Shreveport is now an emergency food pantry for the Food Bank of NWLA. Our coverage areas are zip codes 71118, 71108 and 71109. Proof of government assistance, income and a valid ID are required to participate. The food distribution days are on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 12-2:00pm. Contact 671-4258 FMI.

GEM’s Ministry for children with special needs: We consider it a privilege and a direct call from God to reach out to the families of these children. Contact Mrs. Billie at btate@fumcsreveport.org or call 424-7771.

GriefShare –Summer Grove Baptist Church 6:00 to 7:15 p.m. Please call 686-1470 to register. Free childcare. 8924 Jewella Ave, in Shreveport.

Harvest Kitchen Free Soup Kitchen for those in need Monday - Thursday from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Contact:(318)746-2645

Airline Drive Church of Christ 2125 Airline Drive in Bossier

Ministry of St. Vincent DePaul: Wednesdays, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Groceries,clothing, shoes, and household items given to those who need them. Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 4736 Lyba St. in Shreveport, near the airport. Apply for assistance at 865-7807.

Mustard Seed Free medical care for those who can’t afford it. First Saturday of each month from 9am-12. Contact: (318)746-2645

Airline Drive Church of Christ 2125 Airline Drive in Bossier

New Life Behavior Ministries “Changing negative behaviors to positive to become more like Christ”

Tuesdays at 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Contact: (318)746-2645

Airline Drive Church of Christ 2125 Airline Drive in Bossier

Overeaters Anonymous Local Hotline # 318-677-4002

Shreveport Meetings:

Tuesday - Broadmoor Library, Sunday - 3:00 869-0120

Wed - Broadmoor Baptist, 5:30 p.m. 564-1636

Thurs - St James Episcopal Church 6:30 p.m. 423-4753

Bossier Meeting:

Tuesday - Ashbury United Methodist Church, 5:30 p.m. 747-4375

Overcomers Recovery Support-12 Step Program Word of Life Center, 687-4777, Meriwether Rd., Shreveport, Mondays 7:00-9:00 p.m. Building at back of church property. Cowboy Outreach and Arena of Life Church 1130 Stewart Rd. in Haughton, 949-1539.

Personal Counseling: Airline Church of Christ intern, Jerry Franklin. For more information call 746-2645

Pink Circle of Hope Cancer Ministry for Women- First Monday each month. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Summer Grove Baptist, 8924 Jewella in Shreveport. FMI contact Lisa Craft – prayingthrough@bellsouth.net or Sandra Timmons at 453-0669

St. Luke’s Episcopal Mobile Medical Ministry pslukesmedicalministry.org offers free health screenings for blood pressure, elevated cholesterol, and diabetes, and also clinical breast exams to uninsured and low-income individuals in Shreveport/Bossier. No appointment necessary. For schedule information call Brenda at 424-0156

DID YOU KNOW THAT THE SUNDAY BRUNCH/BUFFET AND THE ‘ROCK’ GRILL RESTAURANT AT THE SHREVEPORT COUNTRY CLUB ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?

SUNDAY BRUNCH/BUFFET
11:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m.
Reservations Suggested - 631-4511

THE ‘ROCK’ GRILL
Tuesday - Saturday 11:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m.
No Reservation Required

On Sundays bring your bulletin from church and receive a 10% discount

TELL YOUR SENIOR PASTOR HE EATS FOR FREE!
Kids Camps and Vacation Bible Schools

“Homework Hangout” - 4th Annual Summer Camp:  June 1-24. This camp is open to children who will be in grades K-10 in the Fall of 2015. Space is limited. Students who will be juniors or seniors may volunteer in the program and receive community service credit. There is a $25.00 application fee and a weekly fee. Call (318) 617-5172 for additional information. New Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church, 2332 Jewella Ave. in Shreveport.

All God’s Children Summer Camp:  June 1 – August 7 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For children 4-12. Registration fee, 15.00. Cost for camp – 45.00 per week per child. Breakfast, lunch and snack provided. John 3:16 Church, 6035 Fairfield Ave. in Shreveport. For more information call 219-2989

Mega Sports Camp:  Monday, June 1st through Friday, June 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00. Open for kids in Kindergarten – 5th grade. Gateway Church at 8925 Youree Drive, in Shreveport. 797-6337. Vacation Bible School:  June 8-12 at 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Morning Star Baptist Church. For more information call 636-6172.

Eagles Summer Camp:  June 8 – July 23. A seven week summer camp for boys and girls in grades 1st - 9th. Monday – Friday from 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. $75.00 per week per child. Discount is available for more than one child from same house hold. Weekly fee includes breakfast and lunch. Academic and physical activities Mon - Thurs. Field trips on Fridays. FMI call 318-938-1885 x 16. Greenwood Acres Full Gospel Baptist Church, 7480 Greenwood Rd. in Shreveport.

Vacation Bible School:  June 15 - June 19, from 6:15 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. for babies thru adults. Preregister at www.barksdalebaptist.org. Location: 1714 Jimmie Davis Hwy. Bossier City

Soccer Camp with World Pro Fabio Gimenez:  June 15-19, 6:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. For kids 6-11, all levels. Camp will improve overall knowledge of the game, player development, speed and agility training, and technical and tactical training. FMI contact Pastor Juan Puente at juan@summergrove.org or Lori Bennett at lbenett@summergrove.org. Deadline for t-shirt sizes is June 5!

Camp JAMS:  June 20 – July 2 from 9:00 a.m. ‘til noon. Jesus, art, music and sports make for a fun filled week of worship. $40.00 fee includes JAMS t-shirt and off campus field trips. First Methodist Church, Shreveport. FMI call 424-7771.

VBS- Journey Off the Map:  June 22-26 from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. For those 3 and up to completion of 5th grade. Register Online: www.summergrove.org. Questions? Call 683-6950. Summer Grove Baptist Church - 8924 Jewella Ave. The path is unknown to us, but known to Him! Join us as we follow Jesus on a journey off the map!

Mothers’ Day Out:  Tuesday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-- 2:00 p.m. at Barksdale Baptist Church 1714 Jimmie Davis Hwy. in Bossier City. For more information call 742-1641.

Community Calendar

Benton Farmers’ Market.  Every Sunday (rain or shine) through July 26. From 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. Located at Simpson Street Park (495 Simpson) behind the Bossier Parish School Board office. Includes special events such as cooking demos - and for the kids: story time, cow train rides, honey bee displays and of course the park’s playground! For directions, a list of vendors, weekly events and more visit www.bentonlafarmersmarket.com.

Ramadan:  June 17 – July 17
PROGRAM GUIDE

MONDAY - FRIDAY

In the Morning...
6:00 Renewing Your Mind - R.C. Sproul
6:30 Precepts for Life - Kay Arthur
6:55 Mission Network News
7:00 Focus on the Family - Jim Daly
7:30 In Touch - Charles Stanley
8:00 Grace to You - John MacArthur
8:30 Love Worth Finding - Adrian Rogers
8:55 Focus on the Family News
9:00 Just Thinking - Ravi Zacharias
9:15 Key Life - Steve Brown
9:30 Family Life Today - Dennis Rainey
10:00 Family Talk - James and Ryan Dobson
10:30 Revive Our Hearts - Nancy Leigh DeMoss
11:00 Walk in the Word - James MacDonald
11:30 WallBuilders Live - David Barton

In the Afternoon...
12:00 Insight for Living - Charles Swindoll
12:30 Turning Point - David Jeremiah
1:00 Point of View - Kerby Anderson
2:00 Focus on the Family News
2:05 The Dave Ramsey Show
4:00 Just Thinking - Ravi Zacharias
4:15 Shreveport-Bossier Rescue Mission - Jim Brackman
4:30 Focus on the Family - Jim Daly
5:00 Urban Alternative - Tony Evans
5:30 Renewing Your Mind - R.C. Sproul
6:00 Grace to You - John MacArthur
6:30 Family Life Today - Dennis Rainey
7:00 In Touch - Charles Stanley
7:30 Precepts for Life - Kay Arthur
8:00 Revive our Hearts - Nancy Leigh DeMoss
8:30 Sign Off

SATURDAY

In the Morning...
6:00 The Car Show
7:00 Spirit of the Outdoors - Jim Newcomb
8:00 Christian Worldview - David Wheaton
9:00 Point of View - Kerby Anderson
11:00 Eagle Forum Live - Phyllis Schlafly

In the Afternoon...
12:00 Sports Spectrum - NowSport.org
12:30 Walk in the Word - James MacDonald
1:00 Washington Watch Weekly - Tony Perkins
1:30 Precepts for Life - Kay Arthur
2:00 Jonathan Park
2:30 Ranger Bill
3:00 Adventures in Odyssey
3:30 Road to Reality - Gospel for Asia
4:00 Let My People Think - Ravi Zacharias
4:30 The Dave Ramsey Show
7:30 Sports.org
8:00 Adventures in Odyssey
8:30 Sign Off

Looking for a once a month volunteer job? Please call 861-1070!
We need help delivering “The Bridge.”

Crescent Project Radio at 9:00 pm Saturdays

KBCL 1070 AM

SOMETHING WORTH LISTENING TO

SUNDAY

In the Morning...
6:00 Grace to You - John MacArthur
6:30 Breakpoint This Week - Eric Metaxas
7:00 Love Worth Finding - Adrian Rogers
7:30 Family Life Today - Dennis Rainey
8:00 Let My People Think - Ravi Zacharias
8:30 In Touch - Charles Stanley
9:00 Focus on the Family Weekend
10:00 The First Word - First Baptist Bossier
11:00 Turning Point Weekend
11:30 Precepts for Life - Kay Arthur

In the Afternoon...
12:00 Washington Watch Weekly - Tony Perkins
12:30 Christian Worldview - David Wheaton
1:30 Unshackled - Pacific Garden Missions
2:00 Ranger Bill
2:30 Adventures in Odyssey
3:00 Focus on the Family Weekend
4:00 Road to Reality - Gospel for Asia
4:30 In Touch - Charles Stanley
5:00 Peace with God - Billy Graham
5:30 Grace to You - John MacArthur
6:00 Love Worth Finding - Adrian Rogers
6:30 Let My People Think - Ravi Zacharias
7:00 Breakpoint this Week - Eric Metaxas
7:30 Washington Watch Weekly - Tony Perkins
8:00 Family Life Today - Dennis Rainey
8:30 Sign Off

Weekday PM Streaming Schedule
8:30 Family Talk
9:00 WallBuilders Live
9:30 Love Worth Finding
10:00 Walk in the Word
10:30 Turning Point
11:00 Just Thinking
11:15 Shreveport-Bossier Rescue Mission
11:30 Urban Alternative
12:00 Sign Off

Saturday PM Streaming Schedule
8:30 Road to Reality - GFA
9:00 Crescent Project Radio
9:30 Let My People Think
10:00 Point of View
12:00 Sign Off

Sunday PM Streaming Schedule
8:30 First Word
9:30 Christian Worldview
10:30 Precepts for Life
11:00 Adventures in Odyssey
11:30 Unshackled
12:00 Sign Off