

# ANNUAL FALL MEETING



FRANKLIN AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28TH, 2013 AT 7 P.M.

**NOBA**<sup>TM</sup> NEW ORLEANS  
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

**Franklin Avenue Baptist Church**  
2515 Franklin Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70117

**ORDER OF THE PROGRAM**

- Worship in Song.....Franklin Avenue Baptist Church, Contemporary Choir
- Invocation and Welcome.....Fred Luter, Jr., Pastor, Franklin Avenue Baptist Church
- Passing of Gavel.....Michael Carney, Pastor, Calvary Baptist  
to Jay Adkins, Pastor, First Westwego
- Program Overview.....Jay Adkins, Moderator
- Presidential Perspective.....Fred Luter, Jr., President, Southern Baptist Convention
- Church Planting..... Dennis Watson, Former Interim Church Planting Strategist  
& Send City Coordinator
- Community Ministries.....Dr. Billy Puckett, Director
- Baptist Friendship House.....Dr. Kay Bennett, Director
- Baptist Community Health Services .....Dr. Hannah Pounds, Medical Director
- Church Health.....Leroy Fountain, Strategist
- Program Summation.....Jack Hunter, Executive Director
- Benediction.....Geovany Gomez, Pastor, La Vina Baptist Mission

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## GET TO KNOW NEW NOBA AND BCHS STAFF FROM 2013

### LEREOY FOUNTAIN, CHURCH HEALTH STRATEGIST, NOBA



I met Carolyn Jones in November of 1971 at a Grambling/Southern football game. We exchanged wedding vows in Tallulah, Louisiana on June 3, 1978. The Lord has blessed us with three daughters: Charena Denise lives in Los Angeles, California and is the mother of our four grandchildren. Bridgette Alexandra is a graduate student at the

University of Texas—Denton. Marsha Lynn is a high school English teacher in Georgia.

I am a person of varied passions. I love teaching and leading conferences, from men's conferences, to leadership conferences, to Bible studies. I love being a part of pastors' fellowships. I am also passionate about family and relaxation. I love being with my wife, Carolyn, and I enjoy an occasional round of golf.

I accepted Christ in August of 1965 at fifteen years of age in Delhi, Louisiana at Seven Star Baptist Church. I accepted the call to full-time gospel ministry in December of 1977. During studies at the Morehouse School of Religion, I became acquainted with the Southern Baptist Convention and the Church Planting Group, and I was commissioned as a home missionary (back when we still had a Home Mission Board) at Ridgecrest, North Carolina in 1983.

The journey to New Orleans began with Jack Hunter casting a vision for ministry in the city that I have loved as long as I can remember. It was a vision for healthy, multiplying churches that would have a transformational impact in the city. This journey moved from vision to prayer for God's will in our lives. Now we are moving here, to New Orleans, to aid in the implementation of NOBA's strategic plan.

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GEORGE ROSS, CHURCH PLANTING STRATEGIST, NOBA;  
NEW ORLEANS SEND CITY COORDINATOR, NAMB



Greetings, New Orleans!

The church at Antioch in Acts 13 reminds us that there is no greater kingdom testimony than intentionally participating in church planting. Through the faithfulness of one church and a few individuals, the Gospel rapidly advanced, people were redeemed, and culture was impacted. For the last 9 years I have been privileged to plant and pastor a multiplying church. During this time I have experienced first hand what God can do when we are willing to advance his Kingdom through planting churches, making disciples, and sending out missionaries. I pray that my background in planting and directing a church planting network will be an asset to planters already here in New Orleans and those who have yet to come.

My journey to this city has been incredible. I first came to New Orleans on a mission trip in 2000 with Mission Lab at NOBTS. I was leading a group of 52 students and we worked all week in the Florida Housing Project teaching VBS. That trip, along with several others, stirred my heart and gave me a passion for this city. During our first visit this summer, my wife, Joy, and I left overwhelmed with the vision, passion, and partnership for planting expressed by the pastors of our churches here. There is no doubt that God used the people we met here in NOLA as a part of the confirmation for our move and for our transition into a new season of ministry with the North American Mission Board as the Send City Coordinator for New Orleans.

I have already had the privilege to meet and visit some of the outstanding planters here in the city. Many of these men, along with their families, are stepping out on faith and following God's call to make disciples in a difficult and demanding context.

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GEORGE ROSS (CONTINUED), CHURCH PLANTING STRATEGIST, NOBA;  
NEW ORLEANS SEND CITY COORDINATOR, NAMB

Because of our own personal experience and hardship in the early years of planting, Joy and I have a heart for planters and their families. There is always a need to coach, minister, serve, and pray for the families laboring in church planting, and we are privileged to make this investment. We are praying already that planters and pastors here would continue to love God, lead their families, and live the gospel.

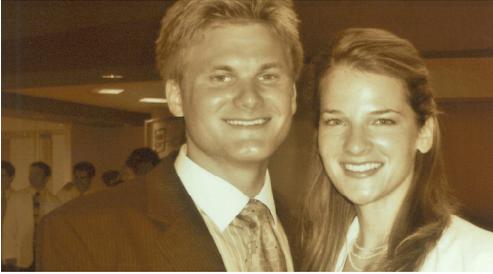
There is no doubt the church planting context and the culture here in New Orleans create a formidable barrier, but there is no stopping God's Kingdom and there is nothing more powerful than the Gospel. With the current group of planters, the established pastors, and a growing network of supporting churches, there is real potential to see a church planting movement here, in our city. Joy, Isaac, Hannah-Ruth, Abigail, Jeremiah and I are blessed to be here!



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DR. HANNAH POUNDS, MEDICAL DIRECTOR, BCHS



Born in New Orleans at old Baptist Hospital, I have loved New Orleans since the time my grandparents taught me that our state bird is the pelican, “whose beak can hold more than his belly can.” My roots here reach back five generations on my mother’s side of our family and three generations on my father’s. As I grew up in the city, God culti-

vated in me a love for my fellow New Orleanians and, in particular, for my neighbors in need.

I did not discover that God intended for me to return home to New Orleans until I moved away for college at Samford. On holiday and summer breaks at home, I listened to my pastor challenge our congregation to “love this city,” and kneeling at the altar during one such holiday break, I discerned God calling me to live for Him, follow Him, and serve Him in New Orleans. I knew *who* God wanted me to serve, and I was eventually to understand *how* God wanted me to serve His beloved in New Orleans.

I was on my knees before the Lord again when he answered my petition for guidance in my undergraduate studies. God told me to study medicine. What wonder I experienced as I completed the pre-medical curriculum in college; it taught me to worship the Creator of such intricate and fragile life with new appreciation.

After college, I returned to New Orleans and spent much of the year of Katrina as the interim youth minister at my church. My life-long friend, Jerry Pounds, Jr., spent the same year at our church leading volunteer groups in gutting flooded houses. When he drove the church’s bread truck full of demolition supplies to a Mardi Gras ball wearing a tuxedo, I had my first crush on “little Jerry.” A year later, on a medical mission trip to Bulgaria he asked me out, and three years later we married.

## GET TO KNOW NEW NOBA AND BCHS STAFF FROM 2013

### DR. HANNAH POUNDS (CONTINUED), MEDICAL DIRECTOR, BCHS

The year after Katrina, I began LSU Medical School in New Orleans. Through the Christian Medical and Dental Association (CMDA), I met Rick Donlon and Robert Record, heroes of our faith who practice medicine as an expression of Christ's love to the underserved in their respective cities, Memphis and Birmingham. While on a medical mission trip to Bulgaria, I read how Jesus connected service to his brothers and sisters in need with service to Him. I understood that God had led me through medicine and back to New Orleans to serve his brothers and sisters here who lack access to primary health care as an expression of His love for them.

The desire to deliver medical care to underserved individuals and communities in New Orleans originates in the heart of God. God wants our first love, and for us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Thank you, Baptist pastors and churches, for supporting and making this possible. Many dedicated people have contributed to opening the first clinic. I am privileged to join this work, and I look forward to providing primary care in the Lower Ninth Ward in the very near future.

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BURT WALLER, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, BCHS



I am a native of Bolivar, TN, where my wife, Sandra, and I grew up together. I went on to be an honors graduate of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. I received my Masters in Health Administration from Washington University School of Medicine in St Louis. I am a Life Fellow of the American College of Health Care Executives.

After a career leading large hospitals throughout the country, I spent fifteen years making primary health care possible for residents of Memphis' most underserved neighborhoods. In 1998, I intended to spend no more than one year as a part-time consultant helping organize the fledgling Christ Community Health Services in the Binghampton neighborhood in Memphis, but God kept me there. I remained there as CEO until retiring in May, 2013.

God grew Christ Community into something more than what we had originally intended. Today, Christ Community consists of six community health centers, three dental clinics, a mobile clinic dedicated to serving homeless shelters, and a recently-accredited family medicine residency program aimed at preparing young physicians for practice in urban underserved communities (where Hannah trained). In 2012, approximately 53,500 individual patients relied on Christ Community for more than 142,000 medical and dental visits. The professional staff now includes more than 45 doctors, dentists, nurse practitioners and family counselors.

Now God has called me to New Orleans to work with Baptist Community Health Services. I pray that He blesses this work in a way similar to what He did for Christ Community.

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## 2014 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

January 15, 2014 – Executive Committee Mtg., NOBA – 10:00 AM

March 19, 2014 – Executive Committee Mtg., NOBA – 10:00 AM

April 28, 2014 – NOBA Spring Mtg.

June 18, 2014 – Executive Committee Mtg., NOBA – 10:00 AM

September 17, 2014 – Executive Committee Mtg., NOBA – 10:00 AM

October 27, 2014 – NOBA Fall Mtg.

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## NOBA–2013 IN REVIEW

JACK HUNTER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The churches of the New Orleans Baptist Association cooperate to expand the Kingdom of Christ across our six parishes through effective church planting, sustainable compassion ministries, and a fellowship of healthy churches. The Lord has been good to NOBA in 2013, showing us favor in all three aspects of our Kingdom-building strategy.

### CHURCH HEALTH

In Jeremiah 3:15, God promises his people, “I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.” God has been faithful to us, providing our churches with pastors who minister with great knowledge of both the Holy Writ and their local context, and with understanding of both human frailty and the upward call of God in Christ. We praise God for having provided our churches with such splendid pastors, and we honor our pastors, knowing that they are gifts to the church from the Giver of every good and perfect gift.

We recognize the following pastors and planters whom God has called to their respective churches over the past year:

<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Church</b>
Rolando Lopez-Garcia	Canal St. Mosaic (Hispanic)
Owen Nease	Crossroads Community
Woo Il Jun	First Korean
Toby Brogden	Grace Baptist Church
Lance Montalbano	Impact Church
Jared Stacy	Metairie Church
Kyle Jagers	NOLA Baptist Church
Josh Holland	Revive Church

Leroy Fountain represents another huge milestone in our work together. God has led Leroy to join NOBA as our Church Health Strategist. He is Louisiana born and raised. He received his undergraduate education at Southern University, in Baton Rouge, and his theological education at Morehouse School of Divinity, in Atlanta. He is a planter and a pastor who has started churches, revitalized churches, and grown churches. Leroy is thoroughly Southern Baptist. He understands the value of cooperation among brothers, churches, and partners. He is also a fine exegete of culture. Leroy will be a rich resource, helping our churches development strategies for reaching people, discipling believers, and developing leaders. He will be on the field at the beginning of 2014.

## CHURCH PLANTING

We planted three new churches this year, and we have several others in the queue that we will soon start. The church planting report, below, provides fuller information on the churches launched in 2013. We are blessed to have these outstanding men of God join our ranks. To them, we say, “Welcome!” To those who are considering starting new works here, we say, “Come and dine!”

In addition to the new works we are starting in neighborhoods where, heretofore, we have not had churches, we have great reason for thanking God—we have a church planting strategist! The new staff feature introduces George Ross. I refer you to it for biographical comment; however, it is no secret that we have been searching for this strategist for some time. Our path led us to some of the best in the field of church planting, each of whom helped us better understand who we needed. Upon meeting George, it was clear to all that God had superintended our process.

George is an experienced coach, planter, mentor, and network manager. He comes to us with the full support of our partners at the Mission Board and State. With George’s addition to our team, a new day has dawned in our cooperative church planting efforts

## COMPASSION AND COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

The following pages contain reports on our Community Ministries, Baptist Friendship House, and Baptist Community Health Services. I commend their reports to you. The men and women who serve in these ministries are wholly committed to meeting deep needs in our community with great passion for the Gospel and with great competence in their respective fields of service.

Many of our churches are in the vanguard of compassion ministries, too. NOBA salutes you, and NOBA is committed to work with you. Service as the hands and feet of Jesus yields new understanding of the truth that we grow from grace to grace. As we serve those in need, we learn how to better serve. We also learn, again, that the members of the body of Christ do not operate independently, but rather together in harmony. NOBA pledges to use our best efforts, cooperation, and human capital as our faith community seeks to meet the needs of our neighbors in the name of Jesus.

2013 has been a watershed year for Baptist Community Health Service. Our identity has been clarified; we are *Baptist* Community Health Services. BCHS has earned the respect and support of the Lower 9th Ward community. God granted us favor with the City Planning Commission and City Council. We now have all necessary approvals to begin construction of our initial clinic, a 4,300 square foot medical modular building. And most importantly, the Lord has assembled a top-flight team to lead the work.

We are grateful to God for deigning to call and use us in his service. May the Lord of the harvest continue to strengthen and enlarge his Church and to send forth men and women who, like him, will be mighty in deed and word, always faithful to proclaim the good news that JESUS SAVES!

## NOBA CHURCH PLANTING

DENNIS WATSON, FORMER INTERIM SEND CITY COORDINATOR

Much has been accomplished in the area of church planting in the past year. In 2012, New Orleans was designated a “Send City” by the North American Mission Board. Being a NAMB “Send City” means that significant funding has been set aside by NAMB to utilize in partnerships with the Louisiana Baptist Convention and with NOBA to help in supporting a Send City Coordinator, as well as a number of church planters and church planting apprentices and interns in our region. Throughout 2013 NAMB, LBC, and NOBA have been working together to facilitate the beginning stages of a church planting movement in the Greater New Orleans region. Also, several NOBA churches have launched church planting apprentice/intern training tracks that are designed to further equip future church planters at the local level.

In the past year, three new Churches have been started in New Orleans. Revive City Church, led by Josh Holland, has begun ministry in the Carrollton area. Josh is a native of Kentucky, who has served as a Youth Pastor in several states. He and a group are currently meeting for Bible Studies and Worship Services, and are involved in community ministry in the Hollygrove section of Carrollton.

NOLA Baptist Church is led by Kyle Jagers, who is from Shreveport, Louisiana. NOLA Baptist has been fortunate to enter into a partnership with Faith Baptist Church, which enables them to utilize Faith Baptist’s facilities on South Claiborne Avenue for worship services, Bible studies, and ministry.

Impact Church, led by Lance Montalbano from Lake Charles, Louisiana, meets on the Westbank at the Gretna Presbyterian Church. Impact Church began with a small congregation, but they have doubled in attendance in the past year, while seeing 23 people come to faith in Jesus in their church services. They are committed to knocking on the doors of every home in their community, so that they can share with people of Gretna the message and ministry of Jesus.

Securing George Ross as the NAMB Send City Coordinator and NOBA Church Planting Strategist has been one of NOBA’s greatest achievements in the past year. George has a great vision and passion for spearheading a church planting movement in New Orleans (where there is only one SBC church for every 9700 people) and in the surrounding region (where there is one SBC church for every 5882 people). To accomplish this mission, the churches of NOBA must become united in praying for, encouraging, and supporting new church plants. As we develop our vision and passion for church planting in the New Orleans region, we will accomplish our mission by God’s grace, power, and provision.

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## NOBA COMPASSION MINISTRIES—NOBA IS SHAPING CULTURE

DR. BILLY PUCKETT, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

We desire to join Christ and shape our culture by being a presence of redemption and restoration in our community. The Bible tells us in 1 John chapter 3 that Christ came to defeat the work of Satan. The persistent presence and work of God's Spirit in and through God's people pushes back the work of Satan. The enemy is trying to shape our culture, but we can fight against him. In what follows, you can get a glimpse of a part of our association's compassionate effort to shape our culture for Christ.

### WORKING TOGETHER WITH OUR NOBA CHURCHES, SERVING THE COMMUNITY

NOBA's most recent opportunity to work directly with one of our congregations was Celebration's "Serve Day" on October 12. NOBA was able to partner with Pastor Robert Story of Celebration Church on the West Bank to serve one of our under-resourced communities. Pastor Story and other leaders within the church guided his congregation as they painted over unsightly graffiti, cleared away and redeemed blighted properties, and helped to prepare the site that will receive the new clinic. Tony Leverett of Celebration Church, who was the key figure organizing this event, said, "We were excited for the opportunity to serve and be involved in the Desire Community and the Lower 9th Ward Community for the Celebration Church Serve Day. We appreciated the partnership of local ministries and organizations alike, including working with New Orleans Baptist Association. With just over 1,000 volunteers mobilized, we were able to show the love of Christ through our actions and words with many of the elderly and with widows while planting community gardens, clearing blight, and more. God provided great weather for a great day of serving and loving people!"

For the past two years we have also worked with pastor and church planter James Welch to minister to the University of New Orleans basketball team. NOBA has partnered with Harbor Community Church to provide these young men with opportunities to demonstrate servant leadership in their community and to experience what it means to follow Christ in serving the underserved. James said that Harbor "is thankful for the partnership it has with the New Orleans Baptist Association. One of the highlights of that partnership is the National Day of Service on September 11. Each year they mobilize Harbor's leaders and the University of New Orleans men's basketball team across the city to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Because the Association works year-round in neighborhoods around New Orleans they act as a bridge for us on that day as we connect with residents and make an impact." The best part about working with James is watching him coach these young men in life. We are looking forward to partnering with all of our churches as they utilize the in-roads that NOBA maintains year-round.

These are a couple of examples of the opportunities that we had to work with our NOBA churches this past year. We hope and expect that through our continued work together we will be able to faithfully shape the culture of our city for Christ in 2014!

## DISASTER RELIEF MINISTRY

Another great development that is taking place in our compassion ministry effort is the development of NOBA's Disaster Relief (DR) ministry. Our association of churches has a great deal of experience in disaster relief, but we are always looking to take that next step to develop into something that God can use in greater ways. Through our partnership with the LBC, NOBA has recently acquired a disaster relief shower unit and a disaster relief mud-out unit. We are blessed by our partnership with our state convention. On November 2, 2013, NOBA will host a Disaster Relief Training opportunity hosted by Jay Adkins at First Baptist Church Westwego. We will train the members of our congregations in the DR ministry areas of shower-laundry and mud-out. The acquisition of these new DR units, along with the training of our people, will substantially increase our capacity for disaster response and missions involvement in our area and across the United States.

In response to Hurricane Isaac, NOBA was able to partner with the organization 8 Days of Hope (8DOH) to minister to the needs of one of our hardest hit communities. Pastor and church planter Matt Tipton connected our association with 8DOH. We contacted 8DOH founder, Steve Tybor, and we invited him to come to Laplace. Matt Tipton, Checkerz Williams, Paul Naylor, and I met with Steve. We decided to move forward with the ministry, and Pastor Williams set up a meeting with St. John Parish President, Natali Robottom. At one point we found ourselves in the Parish council chamber sharing the gospel with the St. John parish leadership and telling them about the basis of our work, namely, the compassion ministry mission of Christ to come and help us in our need!

The Lord opened up the hearts of the Parish to us. The Long Term Recovery Group set up by Laplace donated \$130,000 to the ministry. Checkerz volunteered his congregation to produce a team to do home assessments. He mobilized Celebration River Parishes to go into over 50+ homes to pray, share the gospel, and do assessments. Checkerz reported some of the first fruits of this compassion effort as his church members led a neighbor to begin a relationship with Christ.

NOBA mobilized 10 disaster relief shower units from Louisiana and neighboring states to help with the project. Checkerz, Rob Wilton, and I preached at the 8DOH evening worship services. NOBA contributed many materials that were used to rebuild devastated homes, and we used the association's vehicles and trailers to help. NOBA, along with several churches in our association, was able to give a substantial financial donation to the effort. 8DOH expected to have around 1600 people sign up and work on 100-125 houses. By the end of the project, 2500 volunteers rehabbed 228 homes, 6 churches (including Celebration River Parishes), and one of the city's parks. Through this process we learned that the church that is active and engaged in compassion ministries is able to influence an entire city at the highest levels and shape the culture of a community.

#### SHAPING OUR CULTURE THROUGH PARTNERSHIP AND INVESTMENT

Mission trips are a great way for believers to grow in their relationship with Jesus. We read about the life of Christ in the Scripture and we can experience the life of Christ when we are on mission. As we go out on mission for Christ we can gain an understanding of Jesus that can only come from real life experience. Over the past year, NOBA has helped mobilize thousands of missionaries from across the United States and from our area, helping them to fellowship in the life of Christ and teaching them to love their neighbors.

Blighted homes and lots are a major problem in our communities. Blight breeds despair and apathy into our culture. The City of New Orleans is not able to handle the level of blight in our area. The remediation of blight is another step toward healthy communities and shaping our culture for Christ. NOBA is mobilizing the church to work against the blight in our area. In the past year, NOBA has worked diligently to fight the blight and shine the light!

Partnership is a key component of shaping our culture. This past year NOBA partnered with Projects With Purpose, a for-profit organization that brings participants together for service projects that have a lasting impact on communities. We came together to resurrect a local park in the Gentilly neighborhood of New Orleans. What was once a forgotten green space surrounded by dilapidated fence is now a park with new swings, a playground, and three new pavilions for the neighborhood to enjoy. Before we finished our work on the first day, the children from the neighborhood were out playing on the new equipment, swinging, and receiving words of love and affirmation!

Murder and violence are humankind at its worst, and New Orleans has one of the highest murder rates in United States. This is a terrible part of our culture that needs to be shaped by the Church! Mayor Mitch Landrieu has led the city of New Orleans to develop a strategy to reduce the murder rate. This initiative is called NOLA For Life. When our community joins together against the work of Satan, the Church needs to stand with them and lead the way. Your NOBA leadership has attended NOLA For Life community meetings, prayer gatherings, and participated in community rallies after violent crimes and murders in the streets. One of our churches participated in a community-wide Nola For Life day of service to send the message that violence is not the answer and to demonstrate the power of love in our most violent communities.

Relationships are a key to shaping our culture. For the past three years we have worked with our local churches and our city leadership to identify young men in our community whom we can mentor and impact. This past summer we worked with four of those young men—Bryan, Khari, Lawrence, and Kendell. Our goals in working with these young men are to counter-act the influence of the world in their life and to be a part of God's work in establishing and maintaining a Godward trajectory for their life. Our passion is to shape our culture by seeing the young men in our cities enter into and pursue a growing relationship with Jesus Christ!

These are just a few of the activities that NOBA has engaged in this past year as we work together to shape our culture. I hope that we will continue to work together this next year, and my prayer is that the Lord will use NOBA to enable the Church to become a greater force for shaping the culture of this area for Christ!

## BAPTIST FRIENDSHIP HOUSE

DR. KAY BENNETT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Let me start by saying thank-you to all of you in our local churches. We could not do what we do at Friendship House without you. Many of you give of yourselves and your time to volunteer with us, you collect needed items for us, you donate financially, you make referrals to us, and—the greatest thing—you pray for us. You are a blessing.

It was an honor this year to be one of your missionaries for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Week of Prayer. Tons of letters and prayer support came from all over the United States and Canada. I have had the pleasure of speaking in churches, in associations, organizations, state conventions, and different events all over the U.S., to share about our ministries here in New Orleans and to share about Human Trafficking here and elsewhere in the U.S. I truly believe God is raising up a mighty army to fight against Human Trafficking.

We continue to partner with local law enforcement, state police, FBI, Homeland Security, the National Human Trafficking Hotline Number, and various organizations to get survivors to safety and to meet whatever needs they may have. On many different levels, we have been able to assist young ladies this year by helping them get to safety, meeting their basic needs, getting them needed medical attention, giving spiritual and emotional support while they testify against the trafficker/pimp who sold them, and getting some of them back home to their families.

We focused on our portion of I-10 during Super Bowl 2013, as the Super Bowl is notorious for girls being brought in to service the men who come for the game. I-10 is ranked by the FBI as the highest rated corridor for human trafficking in the US, due to the borders and ports along which it runs from Florida to California, and due to its connection to all of the northbound interstates. I think all interstates should be highly rated. We have, over the past few years, encouraged churches and associations along the I-10 Corridor to adopt a mile to pray for and to set up ministries along the corridor. There are many miles adopted, and we will continue to get people to adopt miles until the whole interstate is prayed for. I am excited to see what God does.

We transitioned one of our families into her own house this past week. Many of you brought needed items for her house and best wishes for her and for her family. One of the most worshipful times for me is to watch how God takes a hurting family, often getting out of an abusive situation, works in their lives to bring restoration, and takes them to a place of self-sufficiency. We helped another mom to get a GED; she got a great job, someone gave her a car, and we are transitioning her family into housing in November. God has worked miracles in her life, and she is so thankful to Him.

Our summer program went well at Friendship House. Our five summer missionaries were great and did a wonderful ministry with our Up 2 HOPE girls, which is our preventative program for girls ages 8 and up. They had a lot of fun this summer as they took a trip around the world to visit 7 continents. Our theme was Voyage, and the girls learned about countries in each continent, obstacles those countries face, fun things they do, food they eat, etc. They have also learned how to take what has been taught through Bible study, group work, and problem-solving tasks to help them solve issues they may be dealing with in their own lives. We have had several decisions for Christ. It is exciting to watch the girls grow and their lives change.

We average between 30 and 40 coming for showers and clothing on Tuesdays and Thursdays. On Wednesday's we average about 100 men, women, and teenagers who come to the door for snack packs and hygiene kits. These may seem like Band-Aid ministries to you, but if you have been out on the street for five days with the same clothes on, no shower, no soap or deodorant, and hungry, you probably will not get a job when you go for a job interview. So these simple items often mean the difference between getting a job and not. The best part of all this is that we are able to build relationships with them through which we can share Jesus and His love with them.

The homeless people involved in our ministry so many times bless my life in ways I cannot explain to others. Even though they may have nothing but the clothes on their backs, they are thankful. Thankful for what some may call the small things in life, but to me, they are the big things. Thankful that someone cares enough to give them clothes, food, a place to take a shower, a place they can come, worship God and not feel judged by what they look like, smell like, or by what clothes they may be wearing. Thankful that they can pour out their hearts and share everything they have done in their lives and still feel loved. To simply be here, pray, not judge, listen, care, and love. Great things truly do not cost a penny.

Thank you again for all that you do to help make our ministry possible. Friendship House has been a lighthouse in our city for 69 years. Adults stop by and say, "I was saved as a child right here." I also have people that stop by and say, "If y'all had not been here, I would probably be dead." God has worked in many lives here over the years. I cannot imagine being anywhere else. Thank you for allowing me to serve my Lord and Savior in the greatest city in the world. May God guide and bless every step you take. God bless you.

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## BAPTIST COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

BURT WALLER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

This is a season of praise for Baptist Community Health Services. The key leadership is in place, the schedule for construction of the modular clinic building is set, and the Holy Cross and Lower 9th Ward communities are eager for BCHS to begin providing medical care early in 2014.

After months of persistent effort, on October 10 the New Orleans City Council granted final approval for the construction of our modular health center facility. When Dr. Hannah Pounds attended the Holy Cross Neighborhood Association and announced that approval had been granted, applause erupted and tears of joy flowed. The Association Vice President expressed how grateful she was that “this group stuck with it,” and would soon provide health care for her family, friends and neighbors. Her excitement is shared by many neighbors we have visited during our door-to-door canvassing and who look forward to having us meeting their physical, emotional and spiritual needs through health care services in their neighborhood.

The BCHS leadership team is composed of CEO Burt Waller, who brings an extensive background in developing and directing faith-based community health centers, CFO Stephen Harris, CPA, who has previously served as the financial officer for NOBA, and Hannah Pounds, MD, who completed her residency in Internal Medicine at LSU-Baton Rouge in June. Since July, the team has been primarily involved in selecting practice management and electronic health record systems, gaining city approval for the facility, building relationships within the Lower 9th Ward, and continuing to foster relationships within both the local Baptist churches and the broader faith and health care communities.

BCHS will occupy the facility at 4960 St Claude Ave. in mid-January and expects to begin delivering care by February 1. Pray with us as we ask God for the timely opening of the facility, for patients to come and entrust us with their care, for God to enable us as individuals and equip us as a team to do the work set before us, and for Christ’s name to be made great in this service. Specifically, join us in prayer that we will be successful in employing individuals from within the neighborhood who possess the background, commitment and skill to elevate our efforts, that we recruit additional physicians and nurse practitioners to join Dr. Pounds in our health care ministry, and that the many decisions we will make during the coming 90 days are both wise and honoring of our Baptist identity.

Until relocating to the health center facility in January, BCHS will continue to occupy space at the New Orleans Baptist Association. Please contact us at 504-533-4999 for more information. We are available to speak with groups to share about this exciting Baptist initiative and to discuss how others can join this work.

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## NOLA BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRY

COREY OLIVIER, METRO DIRECTOR

The following report gives you a taste of how your church is reaching college students in the metro New Orleans area. Due to your tremendous generosity to both NOBA and the Co-operative Program, we are able to “intersect students with spiritual life change” across 8 campuses in the metro area. If you have students in your church who are at one of these campuses and they are not involved in BCM, please feel free to contact one of us and we will be happy to share with you how they can connect with us.

### TULANE UNIVERSITY/LOYOLA UNIVERSITY FALL 2013

Our semester is off to an outstanding start. We hit the ground running in August seeking to reach as many freshmen as possible through welcome week events. We hosted around 80 Tulane/Loyola students for our welcome week BBQ. We visited a number of churches throughout the month of September and students are now beginning to find their church home away from home. The beginning of the semester has come and gone, as have midterms; though it is hard to believe, we are on the home stretch for the end of the semester.

Our weekly activities include Common Ground worship on Wednesday nights, Family Dinner/International Conversation Hour on Thursday nights, and various Journey Groups (small group Bible studies) throughout the week. Through these various weekly events, we are able to touch around 100-150 students weekly.

The Common Ground crowd has been smaller than expected, but the worship is deeper and more intimate. We average around 20 on Wednesday nights, but the volume of worship is double. We are currently studying in the book of Galatians.

Family Dinner on Thursday nights is a great opportunity for students to invite friends to a non-threatening environment. We usually average around 50 Tulane and Loyola students. We recently had two guys join us as they were walking down the street; they came in and ate and then called their friend to join them; they came back the next week. In conjunction with Family Dinner is International Conversation House. This is an opportunity for international students to better their English and learn about American culture. We have lots of volunteers from various churches and the seminary that help make this ministry possible. Jake and Deb are doing an excellent job of connecting with internationals while Wes and Sarai are away adopting a child.

Journey Groups are going well. Our goal for the semester was to offer a variety of journey groups at different times and locations in hopes that most people would find one that matched their schedule. All but one has survived the business of the semester. Our Monday freshmen Bible study in the dorms did not seem to work with the schedules of freshmen students; however, the Thursday evening Bible study has been a great success. We began with a 4-week study using the Threads Media book Engage. This study was designed to help students prepare for Engage 24; a day of sharing the Gospel on their college campus.

This was an excellent study that provided challenging lessons and lots of discussion! We have just begun a series on How to Study the Bible and will be digging into Philippians for the remainder of the semester. In addition to the freshmen Bible study, there are two upper-classmen studies available: Beth Moore's Esther and John Pipers Don't Waste Your Life. These studies were set up to be ladies only and guys only. However, some guys in the dorm where the ladies study was being held asked if they could join; the answer was "of course!" The Don't Waste Your Life study has remained a guy's only study and meets in the student's center at Tulane.

Another of our headline ministries is the Multiplication Movement. At the beginning of the semester, we asked interested students to commit to walking through Multiply by Francis Chan with one of our BCM leaders. Throughout the semester, our staff and interns have been meeting with students and discussing the importance of disciple making using the book Multiply. Students are asked to commit to completing the study and then next semester taking what they have learned and put it into practice by finding one individual to disciple using Multiply. I have spoken with several students that are actively praying about who they will disciple next semester.

This past weekend, we took students on a BCM Fall Retreat to Biloxi, MS. It was a great time of worship and fellowship with college students from the metro New Orleans area. The theme for the weekend was One: One Friend, One Gospel, One Mission, One Love. Students enjoyed the opportunity to worship with other college students from across town. It is a huge blessing to see students from UNO, Tulane, Loyola, and Leavell College fellowship together, pray together, worship together and commit to hold each other accountable for sharing the Gospel on their campuses. The group truly was ONE.

What does the future hold for Tulane/Loyola BCM? Lots of opportunities to reach our campuses! We have several outreach events planned in the months of October and November. On November 6th we will be hosting a dessert bar in JL, the only all-female dorm at Tulane. This event is a precursor to dinner in JL on November 14th. On this night, we will move our regular Thursday night Family Dinner to the dorm and feed the residents of JL. This is hopefully the first of many dinners in the dorm. We are planning to adopt a different dorm in January at the start of the semester.

Also on November 7th the BCM will host a Make A Friend event. This is the brainstorm idea of two of our BCM guys. We have been granted permission to place a couch on the LBC Quad (outside of the student center) and ask people to come sit with us on the couch and "make a friend." We will also have some outdoor games available to help draw people over.

On November 21st we are planning a special Thanksgiving dinner and celebration. We will be inviting other Christian organizations on campus to join us for a night of food, fellowship and praising our God for the things he has done on our campuses this semester.

November will also be Missions Month. We will be unveiling the different summer missions opportunities for students and asking them to explore where God may have them serve this summer. We will wrap up the semester with some sort of Christmas celebration, pancakes and study hours at the BCM in December.

Sports Ministry continues to be another great avenue for reaching students. Football chapels are averaging between 25-30 players and coaches. This season we are studying the Life of Joseph in chapel. Every other Sunday night Corey leads an All-Athletes Bible Study that ranges in attendance of 20-30 with 6-7 sports represented. In this study the participants are working through the book of Philippians. Three football players have asked to be in a more individual discipleship environment. These guys are meeting with Corey at various times.

#### UNO/LEAVELL COLLEGE/NOBTS FALL 2013

As of August 2013, our ministry at UNO has started three Bible studies, co-ed Bible study, women's Bible study, and men's Bible study. We also have averaged about 30 persons in our weekly worship service at UNO/NOBTS. Also, as of September 2013, BCM became an official organization on campus and started a weekly Bible study on Wednesday. SUNO currently has 10 persons on average coming to Bible study.

Our ministry at UNO has added two new student leaders that are full-time students at UNO. We are also planning to move our gathering on each campus as well as combine our worship service for SUNO/UNO/NOBTS.

At Leavell College/NOBTS, we are putting a lot of focus on getting Leavell College students involved in the ministry. We opened up with a Back to School BBQ that was attended by around 30-40 Leavell College students. About half of those students were involved in our Indulge weekend. Our goal is to get as many of them involved in BCM so that we can get them off campus to serve and reach students at UNO, SUNO, and Dillard. On top of that, Tiffany and Corey have been invited to teach in Leavell College this semester. They are teamed with Dr. Thomas Strong to teach the Disciple-Making class. On Tuesdays Corey leads the guys and Tiffany leads the girls in the class through the book Multiply by Frances Chan. The plan is for them to do this again in the spring.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

Josh Warren leads evangelism every Wednesday on campus. Each intern is paired with student leaders, as well as a person that is being disciplined. Seminary students are being connected to having a love the college campuses in New Orleans. During Engage 24 several students and leaders were on campus on Wednesday, October 9th, and Thursday, October 10th.

#### FUTURE GOALS:

Fundraising for Missions for a trip to Alaska and encouraging students to be on mission this upcoming summer. A combined worship gathering that will cater to SUNO and UNO/NOBTS. Have a helper at SUNO and have more events that pull in students. Also, host a worship event for next semester.

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DELGADO COMMUNITY COLLEGE FALL 2013

Things at Delgado have been going great! I started out with only one connection, but have since met several students. Everyday I go out onto campus, meet new students, and build relationships with students I have previously met. My highlights include hanging out with students outside of school and building those relationships there; being the first person one of my students tested when he got a new job and sharing that joy with him; and starting up a Bible study with several students.

I would also say one of my highlights was getting to see one of the students I am mentoring share his faith with a student he has been pouring into. One of the students that I am mentoring and myself are starting up a Bible study for the baseball team. Our first meeting will be on Tuesday. I hope to really start to pour into the baseball team and get to know the coaches. I would also like to build better relationships with the faculty and get us registered as a student organization on campus. I would also like to do one big outreach event maybe during finals like a big chili and nacho bar for all the students.

DILLARD UNIVERSITY FALL 2013

We have formed a partnership with Corey Hicks and his Urban Reach ministry to help reach students at Dillard. In the past we have tried to get BCM going on that campus but have come against opposition. Corey's ministry has a door open to them and so we thought it best to team with him by providing \$1,000 of program support each semester. This commitment is good through the 2013-2014 academic year and will be evaluated at the end of that year to determine if it will continue.

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## NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

DR. CHUCK KELLEY, PRESIDENT

### THE SCHOOL OF PROVIDENCE AND PRAYER

As the old story goes, when you see a turtle on top of a fencepost, you can be certain of one thing: Someone put him there! When you find a Baptist seminary thriving in a city like New Orleans, you can also be certain of one thing: God has intervened! That in a nutshell is the story of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. We learned early on that this would have to be the “School of Providence and Prayer,” a seminary that would owe its very existence to the prayers of God’s people and the divine providence of God’s grace supplying every need. In every chapter of our story, we learn this lesson all over again.

### A PROVIDENTIAL GIFT

One Friday morning earlier this year God sent a providential gift to NOBTS. As we sat around the breakfast table in our home with some sweet Baptist folks who think the training of ministers and missionaries is important, they announced breakfast was so good they wanted to give Rhonda a tip. They handed her a check for \$1.5 million to give to the seminary. It was the largest single check I have been given in my 17 years on the job.

\$150,000 was used to upgrade the classroom technology in all the classrooms of the Bunyan Building and Hardin Student Center. We were able to do the work during the summer and have the classrooms ready to go this fall. Every professor and every student taking classes on our campus are benefiting from this gift.

\$600,000 will be used to build a Community Center that can be used to provide the flexible space needed for our homeschool kids and provide a meeting space for campus and community groups. Katrina destroyed the space we once had for this purpose. When added to another very precious gift for this proposed facility (given earlier by a Louisiana family who loves students and their children) we now have enough to proceed with building the facility. It will be underway this summer. With some 100 children homeschooling on our campus now, this need was crucial.

Another \$500,000 of that gift will be used to fund a new faculty position—a Professor of Church and Community Ministries who will teach students how to mobilize a church to address the needs of its neighborhood and city. We will draw down a portion of that amount each year for the professor’s salary, and as the whole amount is spent, the family plans to add more to keep funding the position into the future. This will be an important step toward the development of our social work program to equip students for ministry evangelism and the task of addressing community needs in the name of Jesus.

This amazing gift goes to the heart of our functional needs and our missional opportunities. This group also made it possible for the seminary to create a scholarship for bivocational and small church pastors and a scholarship for African-American students named in honor of Pastor Fred Luter.

The Providence of God has again been manifested at NOBTS!

#### A PRAYERFUL STRATEGY

Building a healthy seminary surrounded by lost people and not by churches has been a challenge NOBTS faced from the beginning of our existence. Our students and faculty have always been involved in planting churches in the area, but still, there are fewer churches within 50 miles of our campus than you will find near any other SBC seminary. We consider this a Great Commission opportunity. Because we are surrounded by so much need and so few churches, we started by making ministry a part of theological education at NOBTS. Our typical student has a ministry role while they are being equipped to serve the church and the mission field. As the campus grew, the philosophy of making the practice of ministry a part of teaching ministry became deeply rooted in our academic culture. Along the way we discovered that there were many ministers in other places who, for a variety of reasons, could not move to a campus for a classical theological education. They asked us if they could get seminary while they lived and served on a church field.

After much prayer, my predecessor, Dr. Landrum P. Leavell II, made a strategic decision on how to do seminary. He decided that we would push seminary out to the churches and provide both residential theological education on the campus and field-based theological education in the churches. We launched extension centers across the Gulf South to bring seminary to those who could not come to the campus. This was unorthodox at the time, but we felt it necessary for us to follow where God was leading and to serve the students He was sending to us. Once we started down that road, we never left it.

Today, some 60 percent of our students are taking most of their classes in a church. Most of our students are able to serve a church while they are getting their theological education. The development of educational technology allows us to create a classroom in which students and faculty are physically located in as many as four different cities, but they are seeing and talking to one another as if they are in the same place. With the Internet as a classroom, we are able to make seminary education available to anyone in the world who has access to a computer and the Internet. Students can now fit seminary training into almost any calling and circumstance.

Traditional theological education is alive and well at NOBTS, with the highest levels of scholarship you can find. When we asked for guidance, God led us into the future. Truly God was guiding every step of the way in response to our prayers for the right strategy for this most unusual seminary.

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## INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD

TOM ELLIFF, PRESIDENT

Imagine! Nearly 16 million Southern Baptists committed to being Totally His for the sake of the Gospel and its accessibility among all peoples. Nearly 16 million Southern Baptists fully surrendered and submitted to our Lord Jesus Christ for His purpose.

Imagine! More than 46,000 Southern Baptist churches engaged to the fullest extent of their resources of time, treasure and talent that our Lord has entrusted to each one for the accomplishment of His purpose among ALL peoples.

Imagine! 1,169 associations and 42 state conventions of churches fully cooperating and committed to seeing the name of Jesus proclaimed among every language, people, tribe and nation on the face of the planet.

Imagine! An announcement being made that there is no longer an unengaged, unreached people group that we can identify anywhere on the planet, because the Gospel is now accessible to every one of the more than 11,000 people groups that make up our world.

What will it take?

Last year, Southern Baptists, by their faithful giving through the Cooperative Program and the third-largest Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in history, \$149.3 million, supported nearly 5,000 missionaries sent out by Southern Baptist churches through IMB.

In addition, Southern Baptists gave \$4.4 million for hunger, relief and development ministries around the world. Those missionaries, serving both long- and short-term and working together with those same Southern Baptist churches and other indigenous national churches, reported:

- More than 266,000 new believers expressing their faith through baptism
- More than 24,000 new churches planted
- 133 people groups newly engaged with the Gospel.

We praise the Lord for His work in each of the lives represented in these statistics.

And yet today, 3,041 people groups remain unengaged and unreached with the Gospel. It is estimated that 139,000 people die each day and enter into eternity without Christ. Most of them live in places where there is still limited or no access to the Gospel. The time is now to see unprecedented numbers of men and women, in response to God's call, being sent out by our churches to carry the Good News to places where it is not yet known. The time is now to see each one of these unengaged, unreached people groups embraced by at least one church committed to be the hands and feet of Jesus among them. The time is now to see an unleashing of the financial resources that God has already provided through sacrificial and unprecedented stewardship — resources that are sufficient to send all those whom God is calling.

Southern Baptists, the time is now for us to be fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. The time is now for us to be Totally His.

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## LOUISIANA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

DR. PERRY HANCOCK, PRESIDENT & CEO

In its 114th year, Louisiana Baptist Children's Home and Family Ministries continued moving forward with its mission of providing love, care and hope in Christ for children and families in need. The Children's Home provided a positive Christian witness through its Residential Child and Family Care programs, Christian Women's Job Corp, Sellers Maternity Ministries, Granberry Counseling Centers, Louisiana Baptist Foster and Adoption Network, Orphans Embrace, and Reclaimed, a ministry to child victims of human trafficking.

In 2013, the Children's Home provided ministry services for over 6,400 children, families, and individuals. Through its residential and foster care ministries LBCH served 149 children. The Children's Home also provided 46 women with job and life skills training through Christian Women's Job Corps.

Sellers Maternity Ministries provided a pro-life witness for over 1,900 women through its Mobile Pregnancy Care Center. Sellers also maintained its support of a Crisis Pregnancy Consultant in partnership with the LBC Missions and Ministry Division. The Children's Home is now securing foster maternity homes across the state for girls facing a crisis pregnancy.

The Granberry Counseling Centers staff provided professional Christian counseling for 2,582 individuals during the year. Through its Minister Care program, a partnership with the LBC Pastoral Leadership Team, Granberry provided counseling for 84 Louisiana Baptist ministers and their family members.

Through its Louisiana Baptist Foster and Adoption Network, the Children's Home provided support for 45 Louisiana Baptist foster families and adoption services for 33 Louisiana Baptist couples. The goal of the Louisiana Baptist Foster and Adoption Network is to provide Baptist homes for as many children as possible. The Children's Home also provides training for churches interested in developing foster care and adoption ministries.

The Children's Home served 1,741 orphans and needy children through its new international orphan care ministry, Orphans Embrace. The short-term mission trips support existing Baptist ministries and establish new works through a partnership with the state convention and LBC churches. Currently, the Children's Home sponsors trips to Nicaragua, Guatemala, and Haiti.

In 2013, the Children's Home launched Reclaimed, a new ministry for child victims of human trafficking. Two awareness conferences with 270 participants were held to create awareness of human trafficking in Louisiana. Twenty girls attended human trafficking prevention training and 6 human trafficking victims received trauma counseling. The Children's Home is now securing LBC families to provide specialized care for child victims of human trafficking.

In 2013, Louisiana churches provided support for the Home through the Annual Children's Home Sunday Offering. The offering provides for many of the critical needs the children have during the year. Churches also continued to support children and families at the Home through the Fall Food Roundup which provides all of the non-perishable foods needed for the entire year. In the summer, churches from across Louisiana donated their VBS offerings to support the children. Many churches provided additional support in various ways throughout the year and God used LBC Cooperative Program giving from the churches to share His love with those in need.

As a result of the support from our churches and the great witness provided by the various ministries of the Home, many experienced the joy of salvation in Christ and received real hope for life and life eternal. Thank you Louisiana Baptists for meeting needs and changing lives through your Louisiana Baptist Children's Home and Family Ministries.

## CAMP LIVING WATERS

KEITH MADDOX, DIRECTOR

Genesis, chapter 24, records the simple prayer of a faithful servant. Abraham's trusted servant Eliezer, prays after being given a task. He prays, "O Lord, God of my master Abraham, give me success today.." Now, we know that he really meant that prayer, because after successfully completing his task, it says "I bowed down and worshiped the Lord; I praised the Lord." Success is rooted in a prayer life like this. A couple of things in this prayer show that it is a daily prayer--success happens in 24 hour periods. Next, there is a concept of destiny. When you recognize that there is a divine plan, success is fitting into God's plan. Because of this, success is ultimately not so much an achievement as it is a gift of God.

As partners in ministry together, your church and your camp, can work daily to expand the kingdom successfully. We give God the glory for 242 decisions for Christ reported so far this year, 177 just in the summer. We are overwhelmed at His blessing and humbled by His mercy. The psalmist words bear to be repeated... "To the end that my glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks unto thee forever. (Psalms 30:12)

Forward Motion continues through continued expansion in facilities and programming. Over 5000 guest have used the camp this year and our schedule remains full and active. We now have six of the ten cottages for our new Adult Conference Complex completed and work is progressing as support continues. Opportunities are numerous for your church to be a part of the expansion and to use these new tools for your ministry to all ages. We are excited about the continued growth as we move forward together. We desire to work together with churches to support their outreach and discipleship.

One way for the expansion to continue is through our Vision Partner program. We are looking for 1000 partners to come together with support of at least \$10 a month. Together, each doing a little can fund the growth projects to expand your camp, so together we can reach and disciple even more for the Kingdom. Also, our Be The One program encourages churches to partner with \$100 per month, which goes directly to building the new facility.

You can become a vision partner today online at our website ([www.campivingwaters.net](http://www.campivingwaters.net)) just click "Become a Vision Partner." The site also has a wealth of information and opportunities for your church and for your personal ministry to be a part of where God is working. There you will find schedules, plans, pictures, booking information, upcoming events, as well as information on how you can support your camp by volunteering to aid the continued growth and expansion of this ministry. You can also keep up to date on your camp by texting CLW to 22828 and follow the instructions to get on our emailing list.

As always, we are privileged to be your camp and your ministry and we say "thanks" to you for your support, but we give all the Glory to God. Together we too can pray "give us success today."

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## SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN 2013

- Adopted a policy for handling properties that are deemed surplus by NOBA.
- Affirmed the calling of George Ross as NOBA's Church Planting Strategist and the NAMB Send City Coordinator.
- Affirmed the calling of Leroy Fountain as NOBA's Church Development/Health Strategist.
- Added Geovany Gomez as a new member to the Administrative Committee.
- Approved NOBA's Operating Budget for 2014:

## SUMMARY OF NOBA'S 2014 OPERATING BUDGET

Income	\$522,750
Expenses	
Personnel	\$310,108
Missions	\$76,200
Church Health	\$7,000
Compassion Ministry	\$7,000
Buildings & Grounds	\$89,099
Administration	\$33,343
Total Expenses	\$522,750
Net Income	0

**GIVING BY CHURCHES**

	<b>to NOBA</b>	<b>to Cooperative Program</b>
Airline Baptist Church	-	-
Ames Blvd. Baptist Church	1,000	5,704
Barataria Baptist Church	-	-
Bethlehem Missionary Bapt. Church	-	-
Bridge City Baptist Church	683	683
Bridgedale Baptist Church	953	1,392
Calvary Baptist Church	4,760	11,733
Calvary Korean Baptist Church	-	-
Canal St. (a Mosaic Community)	400	600
Carrollton Avenue Baptist Church	-	-
Celebration Church	13,500	38,750
Christ Baptist Church	3,473	14,465
Christian Fellowship Cathedral	-	-
Coliseum Place Baptist Church	7,000	-
Crossroads Community Church	899	1,199
Edgewater Baptist Church	5,274	11,065
Emmanuel Spanish Baptist Church	-	-
Evangelistic Baptist Church	-	-
Faith Baptist Church	12,204	1,417
First Baptist Church of Avondale	1,348	3,146
First Baptist Church of Belle Chasse	7,433	17,343
First Baptist Church of Chalmette	1,457	2,190
First Baptist Church of Destrehan	468	1,559
First Baptist Church of Gretna	1,271	5,326
First Baptist Church of Harahan	1,691	4,046
First Baptist Church of Kenner	28,879	66,930
First Baptist Church of LaPlace	6,174	14,406
First Baptist Church of Luling	10,000	10,338
First Baptist Church of Marrero	9,567	19,640
First Baptist Church of New Orleans	13,118	148,512
First Baptist Church of Norco	3,198	3,198

**GIVING BY CHURCHES**

	<b>to NOBA</b>	<b>to Cooperative Program</b>
First Baptist Church of St. Rose	427	573
First Baptist Church of Waggaman	1,250	-
First Baptist Church of Westwego	1,610	2,701
First Haitian Baptist Church	-	-
First Spanish American Baptist Church	1,536	3,074
First United Baptist Church	-	-
Franklin Ave. Baptist Church	116,575	116,575
Free Mission Baptist Church	300	-
Gentilly Baptist Church	3,430	7,575
Getsemani Baptist Church	-	-
Good News Baptist Church	-	675
Good Shepherd Baptist Church	2,700	2,400
Grace Baptist Church	1,692	3,631
Irish Channel Baptist Church	1,250	900
Korean Agape Baptist Church	-	-
Living Rock Missionary Baptist Church	-	-
Loving Faith Baptist Church	-	-
Memorial Baptist Church	7,507	8,826
Metairie Baptist Church	1,730	24,244
New Hope Community Baptist Church	590	300
New Orleans Chinese Baptist Church	2,000	1,800
New Pilgrim Baptist Church	-	-
New Salem Baptist Church	200	200
New Testament Baptist Church	1,981	1,962
New Vision Baptist Church	250	450
Oak Park Baptist Church	6,244	23,663
Parkview Baptist Church	3,826	6,206
Pontchartrain Baptist Church	-	-
Port Sulphur Baptist Church	1,450	3,349
Potter's Wheel Family Life Center	150	-
Poydras Baptist Church	1,134	5,668
Rio Vista Baptist Church	1,640	1,794

**GIVING BY CHURCHES**

	<b>to NOBA</b>	<b>to Cooperative Program</b>
Riverside Baptist Church	2,083	3,750
Shiloh Christian Fellowship Church	-	-
St. Bernard Baptist Church	-	-
Suburban Baptist Church	400	500
Temple of New Life Baptist Church	1,000	1,000
Valence St. Baptist Church	300	281
Vietnamese New Orleans Baptist Church	1,250	2,250
Vieux Carré Baptist Church	766	6,959
West Marrero Baptist Church	720	160
West St. Charles Baptist Church	2,751	8,239
Williams Blvd. Baptist Church	9,889	24,723

**MISSIONS**

Allen Temple Baptist Mission	-	-
Carver Baptist Mission	125	-
Christian Fellowship Tab. of Praise	-	-
Christian Light Baptist Mission	-	-
Cosmopolitan Baptist Mission	200	-
Delacroix Hope Baptist Mission	1,739	2,914
Deliverance Baptist Mission	800	-
Epiphany Baptist Mission	235	460
Faith & Glory Baptist Mission	-	-
First Baptist Church of Venice	1,335	4,305
Hahnville Baptist Mission	-	-
Holy Anointed House of Prayer	600	600
Living Water Baptist Mission of LaPlace	-	-
Loving Four Baptist Mission	-	-
Lower Light Baptist Mission	-	-
New Covenant Baptist Mission	20	-
New Life Ministry	450	675
Noah's Ark Baptist Mission	-	-
One Faith Baptist Mission	-	-
Urban Family Ministry	-	-

GIVING BY CHURCHES

	<b>to NOBA</b>	<b>to Cooperative Program</b>
LANGUAGE MISSIONS		
Calvary Spanish Baptist Mission	810	2,425
Canal Blvd. Deaf Baptist Mission	-	-
El Camino Spanish Baptist Mission	-	1,200
First Korean Baptist Mission	140	200
Fruitful Korean Baptist Mission	-	-
Horeb Spanish Baptist Mission	540	800
La Vina Spanish Baptist Mission	1,000	400
Maranatha Spanish Baptist Mission	1,261	3,061
Nueva Vida Spanish Baptist Mission	100	200
Solid Rock Spanish Baptist Mission	-	-
CHURCH PLANTS		
Canal St. Mosaic (Hispanic)	400	-
Celebration Church - River Parishes	-	-
Celebration Church - St. Bernard	-	-
Celebration Church - Westbank	-	-
Crescent City Rock Church	660	3,293
Desire Fellowship	-	-
Harbor Community Church	-	-
Hope Church	-	1,100
Horeb-Chalmette	200	800
Impact Church	-	-
Lake Forest Replant	100	450
Metairie Church	1,500	-
Mosaic Mid-City	-	-
New Hope Community-East Campus	-	-
NOLA Baptist Church	-	-
Restoration Church	-	-
Vintage Church	-	-

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## LILLIAN GREY OFFERING

This association offering is dedicated to the honor of the late Mrs. Lillian Grey, the wife of the late Dr. J.D. Grey, who together led First Baptist New Orleans to great heights of growth for many years.

Lillian Grey was a diminutive lady, but she was a giant influence for missions and starting new works. It is for this reason that this special offering, the only taken by the association, bears her name.

### CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Bridge City Baptist Church	\$241	
Coliseum Place Baptist Church	\$1,000	
Crossroads Community Church	\$60	
Deliverance Missionary Bapt. Church	\$150	
Edgewater Baptist Church	\$728	
First Baptist Church of Kenner	\$2,463	
First Baptist Church of LaPlace	\$124	
First Baptist Church of New Orleans	\$4,098	
West St. Charles Baptist Church	\$150	
TOTAL		\$9,066
Balance as of 10-25-2013		\$7,551

