

Louisiana Fellowship People

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Theology *a Verb* is

The 6th Annual
Stagg-Tolbert Forum
for Biblical Studies

Broadmoor Baptist - Baton Rouge
Saturday September 26, 10am-1:30pm



featuring **Colleen Burroughs**
Executive Vice-President of Passport,
Founder of Watering Malawi



Brain food *and* soul food for the disciple, the Forum will challenge, inspire, enlighten, empower. Colleen Burroughs will lead us in examining our faith story and living the grace God has given us to share. We will give special recognition to women leaders of the church, enjoy musical and artistic expressions of worship, and honor Forum namesake Malcolm Tolbert. We will also initiate the Maggie Lee Henson Scholarship for Women in Ministry.

Lunch \$5, reservation deadline September 21 to: office@broadmoorbaptist.com or 225-927-5454



Places of Grace

state mission offering

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hopeless, the forgotten

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to new church starts . . . to the incubating of **new** places of grace

As God leads . . . give generously
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Winds of the Spirit

Reid Doster, Louisiana Fellowship Coordinator



Leading By Example

Take a look at this first snapshot, which is from our recent Bags of Hope distribution in Lake Providence. Everyone to the left of me represents the real strength of CBF Louisiana. Each is a leader – Larry Davis (Moderator), Lynn Hawkins (our first state Coordinator), Shannon Rutherford (Moderator-Elect) and Michael Anderson (Past Moderator). We expect the guy on the far right to be there. It's his job. The others lead by unselfish example, from their heart, on their own time, with obvious joy. They are an inspiration. Incidentally, "our little CBF that could" with our partners raised \$9,796 and distributed 1,700 bags filled with school supplies.



Welcome Our New Friends

On the left is Travis Norvell, new pastor of St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church, New Orleans. He really seems to like Chinese food from Trey

Yuen. He also is very bright, sensitive and compassionate. You're going to enjoy getting to know Travis.

My other friend, to the right, is The Reverend Ike Mayfield, Pastor, New St. Mark's Baptist Church, New Orleans, who helped me welcome Travis to the city. I am happy to say: "It's official!" because Ike and the congregation of New St. Mark's now have formally partnered with CBF Louisiana. This is history in the making, the first African American pastor and congregation to affiliate with our fellowship, and it is an answer to prayer. We have much to learn from Ike. Incidentally, CBF Disaster Response helped renovate New St. Mark's sanctuary after Katrina.



The lady pictured here is The Reverend Enola Lee. Enola grew up Baptist, experienced a strong sense of God's call to the pulpit at an early age, and finally found the opportunity to preach in another denomination. Enola also has officially decided to partner as an individual with CBF

Louisiana, while serving as Pastor of an A.M.E. congregation. As you can tell from the photo, the joy of the Lord is one of her strengths! Bridgewater Church renovated the A.M.E. sanctuary after it flooded. Here's another history making event – the first African American female pastor to join our fellowship. Enola will bring the Benediction at our upcoming Stagg-Tolbert Forum on September 26th.

You might want to email these new friends and welcome them personally: Travis Norvell (pastor@scabc.com), Ike Mayfield (mayfieldg@cox.net) and Enola Lee (enolalee@bellsouth.net).

Go Stand in the River!

Joshua 3:8 reads: "Tell the priests who carry the ark of the covenant: 'When you reach the edge of the Jordan's waters, go and stand in the river.'" Once they waded into the river, the waters parted! In preparation for what the Lord will surely call upon us to do in the near future, this year's Fall Offering for State Missions will go straight into an account to support our next new church start. Let's give now, believing God is already laying the groundwork for the birthing of a new CBF Louisiana congregation. God will part the waters, once He sees that we trust Him enough to get our feet wet.

It's All About Relationships

These are just some of the people who attend our monthly Southern Sector peer group, led by Jarrett Banks. A similar

Northern Sector group meets in Shreveport and is led by Michael Anderson. From left to right are: Ike May-



field, Shannon Rutherford, George Hale, Jarrett Banks, Reid Doster, Enola Lee, Paul Henderson and Bobby Rayborn. The down home Cajun cuisine at Bull's Corner restaurant in LaPlace was provided by a grant from the Eli Lilly Foundation. We meet monthly, in a beautiful lakeside home provided by a generous member of Broadmoor Baptist. This is a time of fellowship, learning and team-building.

Stagg-Tolbert Biblical Forum: "Theology Is a Verb"

That is the theme of this year's Stagg-Tolbert Forum, which promises to ignite the missional spirit within your congregation! The Forum is on Saturday, September 26th, 10AM-1:30PM, at Broadmoor Baptist, Baton Rouge, with lunch provided at a minimal cost.



When Dr. Molly Marshall was forced to cancel, due to her husband's severe illness, I put out a call for help. Several respected friends said almost simultaneously: "Call Colleen Burroughs." Colleen is Executive Vice-

President of Passport Inc. and Founder of Watering Malawi. She is "a missionary kid" who grew up in four countries in Africa: Kenya, Malawi, Zimbabwe and Bophuthatswana. While at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Colleen received both the John Knox Press and Clyde T. Francisco preaching awards.

This year's Forum will focus on practical theology and faith you can see. Your mind and heart will be opened to new possibilities for becoming personally engaged in missional practice and making a positive difference in your world.

There will also be a time of recognition for female lay leaders representing each generation in the life of CBF Louisiana churches. A tribute will be made to Dr. Malcolm Tolbert, by his daughter, granddaughter and great-granddaughter, who continue to carry the torch from generation to generation. Hymns and special music will highlight the contribution of female composers whose work enriches our weekly worship. A new scholarship fund will be launched in memory of Jinny and John Henson's daughter, Maggie Lee Henson, who died in the recent bus accident involving youth and staff from First Baptist Church, Shreveport.

When One Church Hurts, We All Hurt

We have been shaken to the core by the unspeakably painful losses associated with that accident, in which two young lives were lost. Our hearts remain with First Baptist Church, Shreveport. The survivors and their families are now on a long, winding journey toward physical, emotional and spiritual healing. May they feel our love, and come to know the peace of God that passes all understanding.

Finally, I want to express my profound appreciation to Kyle Kelley, CBF Louisiana Associate Coordinator, for his tireless efforts even when laid up in a rehabilitation facility and still unable to walk. Kyle, you are the man.

Reid



Bags of Hope 2009

Approximately 1,300 school bags and supplies were distributed to students in need in Lake Providence on August 1, and an additional 400 went to Tensas Parish.

This marked the 7th year that Fellowship churches from around the state have joined in partnership with local leadership to provide supplies to get students off to a good start. Fellowship churches participating were Bridgewater-Madisonville, St. Charles Ave and Sojourn Lakeview-New Orleans, Broadmoor and University-Baton Rouge, Emmanuel-Alexandria, Pineville Park-Pineville, Haynes Ave. and First-Shreveport.

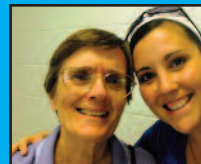
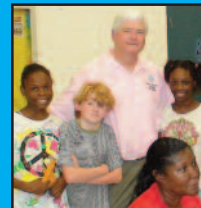
There was tremendous local support through the efforts of Sister Bernie Barret and the planning committee who were able to raise over \$5,000 for this effort through the generous gifts from local churches, businesses and individuals.

The event was well organized and participants were processed quickly. Representatives from every school in the parish were present with up-to-date student lists to give accountability to the distribution.

As improving education is a core issue in overcoming poverty, the Louisiana Fellowship's Together for Hope program is thrilled to be a part of this effort and applauds the commitments of school staff, parents and students and the gains they are making. We particularly want to recognize the improvements in scores at Griffin Middle Academy.

Thanks to all churches, businesses, individuals and volunteer leaders who were a part of this success.

More on Bags of Hope at cbfla.org



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Current

(Young Adults in CBF)

Plan "11 on 11" Paint the Stadium

Event in Lake Providence

September 12

Young adults in the *Fellowship* have become a vibrant part of our family. Again this year they continue the tradition of service on the Saturday closest to September 11 as a redemptive response and witness to the power of God's love.

In concert with our Together for Hope mission and our commitment to Lake Providence, Current will be painting the stadium assisted by local volunteers. After the coming of a new coach and a lot of hard work the high school team went to the playoffs for the first time since 1984! It was a great boost to the esteem of the entire community which we want to support.

If you are young in years or spirit, you can participate by contacting Shannon Rutherford at shannon@ubc-br.org or (225) 766-9474.

Bittersweet Farewells

Greg Hunt, Pastor, First-Shreveport leaves for Kansas City to resume marriage enrichment ministry. Greg has been a tremendous supporter and resource for CBF-LA. His leadership roles included National Representative, and trusted consultant.



Pam Williams retires after 24 years as Education Minister at Broadmoor-Baton Rouge and will move to Oklahoma to be with family. Pam has served as Moderator and in numerous leadership capacities which have shaped CBF-LA through the years.

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CBF-LA Receipts	July	Fiscal Year 7-1-09 to 6-30-10
Undesignated	\$5,200.74	\$5,200.74
Together for Hope	\$2,224.01	\$2,224.01
TFH Missionary Fund	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
TOTAL	\$37,424.75	\$37,424.75

Associate Coordinator on Mend

Kyle Kelley was an adult sponsor for the First Baptist Shreveport youth group which experienced a bus crash on July 12. He is recuperating at a skilled nursing facility from multiple fractures and is pictured here with members of the Alabama National Guard who were first responders at the crash scene. Expecting a full recovery, Kyle appreciates the many prayers and expressions of concern. His reflections are at cbfla.org.



What to pray...
when you don't know what to pray
 by Wade Arnold

I frequently don't know how to pray. They are mature Christians. They are doing God's will. They are in good health. Their relationships are in order. Their children and relatives are well. They are employed. They have not requested prayer from me. And, they don't have any obvious sin to mention. I look at their names on my prayer list and I'm stumped. Well, I used to be until I came across this little prayer secret.

In Paul's pastoral letters he always expressed thanksgiving and/or prayers for those to whom he was writing. Ephesians 1:15-19 is an example of one such prayer. Paul mentions three things he prays for the Ephesians that we can also pray for our friends. We might also

I have a lot of people on my prayer list for whom I

benefit from adding these to our prayer list for ourselves. He mentions: wisdom, greater knowledge of Jesus Christ, and enlightenment (or understanding). He prays that we will be enlightened as to our hope in Jesus, our value to God, and God's great power. We can pray these things for everyone we know from the newest Christian to the most godly saint because no matter where we are along the road of faith, we can all use a little bit more wisdom, knowledge, and understanding. Begin including these items in your prayers for those on your prayer list and you'll never be stumped again.

Dr. Wade Arnold is an Assistant Professor of Psychology at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches. If you would like to read more about the prayers of Paul in the coming weeks and join in a discussion of Paul's prayers, visit Wade's blog at www.wadearnold.wordpress.com.

