



# Carey News

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR

### Carey Association's Annual Meeting

*Our Annual Meeting is set for Tuesday, October 27 at FBC Sulphur at 6:30 p.m.* The host pastor, Dr. David Holder, will bring our annual sermon. I hope that you will be with us for this special time of business, worship, and fellowship. I wanted to remind us of some very important principles about our Association. Based upon the book by J. C. Bradley, *"A Baptist Association—Churches on Mission Together"*, Bradley states: *"A Baptist Association is a self-governing fellowship of autonomous churches sharing a common faith and active on mission in their setting; an Association is a family of churches and a network through which churches give and receive assistance; and an Association is a fellowship of churches grounded in harmony in faith and practice."* I believe that Bradley has defined who we, as Carey Baptist Association founded in 1892, were to be. It is my prayer that each church be a fully participating church in the Association. Remember, we can do far more together than we can ever accomplish separately. I trust that I will see you at FBC Sulphur on October 27.



## McNeese BCM

We are having a great fall at BCM. We are feeding 210 to 250 students each Monday and have averaged over 70 at worship on Monday nights. Tailgating for football games has moved to the BCM, because the spot we had near the stadium last year is not available. We have seen around 80 at our tailgates, over twice as many as last year. Thanks to churches and ministers who have helped us reach incoming freshmen because much of our growth is in new students. Our international ministry is also growing. One of our guys who went to Morocco this summer has started an international Bible study, and we have had as many as 12 students in that study. We are also providing individual conversation partners for about 10 international students. We are planning to take mission trips to Peru and St. Lucia during the semester break--more on that later.



## News from Grace Ministries

Let me take this opportunity to thank you again for your support and prayers during our Summer Ministry. We are still receiving school supplies and uniforms. As you know, our work will not be done until Jesus returns; therefore, we are preparing for the cooler temperatures--navy and green sweatshirts, jackets, socks, caps and gloves are needed. And yes, Thanksgiving and Christmas are just 2 ½ months away. It would be such a blessing if we could have food baskets and Christmas gifts for some of our families. Perhaps your church family, Sunday School Class, or another group inside your church would like to adopt a family. During these economic times I believe there are some things we can still do. It has been our belief from the beginning that God has not called us to a program but to a "whatever it takes" commission. We are not trying to do what we did last year or the year before. We just want to share the Gospel and help as many people as we can. I can hardly wait to see how God's people will celebrate His Son's birth during "these hard times." Let's not miss an opportunity to share the Reason for the Season. People are hurting and we have the answer! Let's make sure we make room for sharing the answer with them. So, we will plan for the holidays as we kick off our tutoring and mentoring ministry. Remember the youth who graduated this past summer? She was the first granddaughter to graduate; the first person to graduate in over 20 years in that family. Well, we gave God the glory and we believe He is able to do it again. And yet as I continue to work with these youth, I know that we need more mentors/tutors—those who will not be afraid to get involved, take risks, go into unfamiliar territory, those with a passion that causes them to weep over children and youth. One of our volunteers said it best when she said, "that's my neighborhood." I could hear the joy, strength, and faith in her voice. We pray, we use wisdom, we go with discernment but most of all we trust Him. I have seen Him save people and cause them to dream again and open doors no man was able to shut. Praise God; He has done great things. Thank you for praying for Valarie. The monies you gave and the concern you have shown to her have brought both tears to her eyes and a smile to her face. She has received her dentures. There is no more holding her hand over her mouth when she talks or smiles. I have gotten to know her a little better over the past

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months. We have talked about Christ and so much more. I remember the many visits to Dr. Alexander's office for the oral surgery and then our trips to Dr. Bray. I know God has done this! It is no small thing. We can do nothing without Him! It is by serving people and sharing the Gospel that they will come to the same realization. Dr. Alexander and Dr. Bray, we give thanks for you. You treated Valarie so gently. Thank you for making her comfortable. You have made a difference in her life. Brothers and sisters, remember us in prayer.



## **PASTORLESS CHURCHES**

Boulevard, FBC Cameron, FBC Iowa, Magnolia, New Hope, FBC Starks, FBC Westlake, and Woodlawn  
 Gil Broussard has accepted the pastorate at FBC Hayes.

## ***October Anniversaries***

Greg Bath	Trinity, LC	8 yrs.
Jerry Bragg	Trinity, Sulphur	15 yrs.
Jerry Brown	Temple	31 yrs.
Mary Brown	FBC Elton	14 yrs.
Reba Byrd	Trinity, LC	3 yrs.
Larry Chelette	Memorial	13 yrs.
Elaine Clapp	Westside	15 yrs.
Rev. Jimmy Clark	Eastern Hts.	1 yr.
Rev. Ray Clark	Northside	7 yrs.
Dannie Marcantel	Pine Grove	56 yrs.
Rev. Jerry Masters	FBC Jennings	7 yrs.
Prentiss Miller	FBC Iowa	11 yrs.
Lola Mitchell	Pine Grove	46 yrs.
Rev. Nay Vickers	Choupique	22 yrs.
Brian Wells	FBC Jennings	14 yrs.
Calvin White	Westside	7 yrs.
Sharon Williams	Trinity, LC	7 yrs.



**October is  
 Cooperative Program  
 Emphasis Month**



## ***. . . These Important Dates***

- October 11 – World Hunger Sunday
- October 16-17 – Ministers' Wives' Retreat at Tall Timbers
- October 27 – Carey Annual Meeting, 6:30 p.m., FBC Sulphur
- November 1 – Daylight Savings Time Ends
- November 9-10 – LBC, Summer Grove, Shreveport
- November 17 – Sr. Adult Fellowship, 10:30 a.m., Emmanuel, LC
- November 26 – Thanksgiving, Office Closed Nov. 26-27



