



Gulf Coast Baptist Association Newsletter

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As I watch the spiritual battle occurring today in America for the future direction of the nation, it strikes me how unified evil is and how often good is divided.

Across the landscape of the United States, abortion rights advocates, gender confusion promoters, atheism dealers, legalized drug purveyors, pornography distributors, left-wing media propagandists, and every other ungodly venture in the nation have each other's backs. They stand together and generally take a united front against the church, the Bible, and anything holy or sacred before God. Yet, the people of God isolate, separate, and vacate their responsibility to be a united force for good in our world.

As I write this, we are just days away from a Pastor's Retreat. This is an effort to unify our hearts and minds so that we can network together for good for the sake of the gospel on the Gulf Coast of Louisiana. We grow personally and spiritually with each other so that the Kingdom of God can grow through our partnership. Unless the pastors are unified, the churches will never be.

As you will see below, our annual Unity Revival meetings are coming up. This started about 12 years ago as GCBA churches clustered for worship right after school started as a spiritual motivational meeting coming out of summer to do the work of ministry. Some years have been better than others, but overall it has benefited us as a whole. It has been a picture of what God has always wanted – His people to be one as the Father & the Son are one. David wrote in Psalm 133:1 – "How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!"

Like many of you, I have watched with disappointment the many national issues that have surfaced from our beloved Southern Baptist Convention. Practically speaking, from my vantage point in St. Mary Parish, these issues are not within my reach to change things. However, I have great access to impact the spiritual climate along Highway 90 from Amelia to Baldwin.

I have pastored 6 churches in 32 years. Each church was active at the National, State, and Associational Level. We funded the Cooperative Program, Associational Missions, and Lottie, Annie, and State Missions Offerings. In the last three churches I have served, I became president of the local ministerial alliance. I believe in cooperation.

If churches would have the same mindset as Planned Parenthood, the ACLU, left-wing media, and Antifa, who are walking together for a unified cause, perhaps we would see a change of direction in the United States.

Let's unify at the end of August for God's Purpose & Glory.

Steven L. Kelly
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Gulf Coast Baptist Association Unity Revival



Sunday, August 21st at 6:00 PM – First Baptist Church, Morgan City
Pastor Tony Carter, Unity One Baptist Church – Speaker

Sunday, August 28th at 6:00 PM – First Baptist Church, Franklin
Pastor Steve Spurlin, First Baptist Church, Berwick – Speaker

Following each service there will be a time for food and fellowship.

The Brotherhood Breakfast will resume following our summer break on Saturday, August 20th, at 8:00 AM at Unity One Baptist Church. The format for the breakfast was redesigned during our recent Pastor's Retreat to make the breakfast more appealing. Please bring your men and boys to participate this month and experience the difference.



Receipts from Churches (3rd Quarter of Associational Year, April - June 2022)

Amelia	0.00	Calvary Spanish	120.00	Morgan City	2,256.48
Baldwin	0.00	Cypremort Point	0.00	Myette Point	287.56
Bayou Vista	2,986.23	Franklin	717.78	Patterson	0.00
Belle River	300.00	Immanuel	0.00	Redeemed Life	328.00
Berwick	0.00	Little Pass	2,194.03	Unity One	0.00



Pray for the Baptist Collegiate Ministries at ULL and Nicholls State as they enter the most significant weeks of campus ministry for the year – reaching incoming freshman. Pray specifically for Joe Wood (ULL) and Conan Sherlin (Nicholls) as they lead these ministries.

