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## *Bags of Hope August 1-2*

*Our annual school supply drive for the children of Lake Providence*



Book Table at Bags of Hope

**New/gently used children's books or money are the primary request this year for Louisiana churches.**

Missionary Jenny Hodge states she will happily receive school supplies from churches, but the preference is 1) children's books or 2) money to allow supplies to be bought from local vendors. She has been able to identify local merchants who can now supply virtually all the backpacks and schools supplies for the drive which, most importantly, supports and sustains the local economy. Each year there is more and more local leadership and investment but the involvement of Louisiana churches remains vitally important!

Bags of Hope weekend begins Friday, August 1 at 5:30pm with the "stuffing of the book bags" in the Lake Providence High School cafeteria. Distribution of supplies will follow Saturday morning.



Recreation Camp

## *On Mission in Lake Providence*

This week in Lake Providence, 46 volunteers from Royal Lane Baptist Church in Dallas and Church for the Highlands in Shreveport are partnering in mission to 1) rehab the Baptist Center 2) conduct recreation camp/vacation bible school 3) set up clothes closet at Community Action Center 4) provide Bible Study and recreation at the Council on Aging.

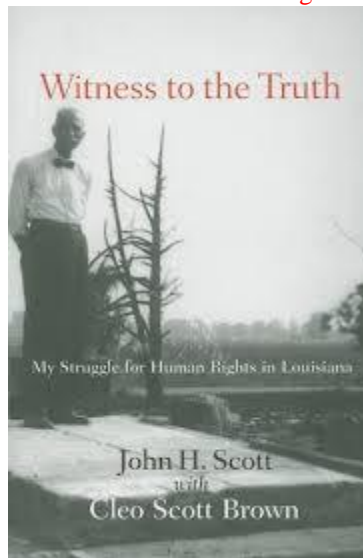


VBS

It is a wonderfully busy time in East Carroll Parish. Look at who is visiting. Groups in LP this spring and summer (already visited or planned) include:

- \* Together for Hope Arkansas
- \* First Baptist Church, Columbus, Georgia
- \* Lakeshore Baptist Church, Waco, Texas
- \* Shadescrest Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama
- \* Royal Lane Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas
- \* Woodland Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky
- \* Church for the Highlands, Shreveport
- \* Haynes Avenue Baptist Church, Shreveport
- \* Broadmoor Baptist, Baton Rouge

**Recommended Reading!**



**Rev. John Scott pictured in 1964 at the burnt ruins of the Baptist Center**

The summer of 1964 was a most intense period in the civil rights movement. One of the casualties of the conflict was the Baptist Center of the East Carroll Association of Missionary Baptist Churches, burned to the ground in retaliation for its involvement in activities to secure voting rights for all. Led by the Rev. John Scott, the Baptist Center was a symbol of courage and hope for justice rooted in faith. It was a place for education, community building, unity and empowerment.



Though it was later rebuilt, it was not to its previous condition and resources to keep it maintained have been stretched through the years. On this milestone 50th year, Royal Lane Baptist Church and Church for the Highlands took this week to re-paint, replace floors and doors and celebrate the wonderful legacy of the Baptist Center. Women of the Baptist Center churches provided an unbelievably mouth-watering scrumptious meal on Monday night.



On Wednesday night local citizen and former School Board President Glen Dixon shared stories of growing up in Lake Providence, experiences at the Baptist Center and the Christian faith that sustains him to keep dreaming and working in his town.



### Together for Hope Summer Intern

We welcome Jean Marie Hill, our first Together for Hope summer intern in Lake Providence. She is a resident of Transylvania, LA in East Carroll Parish and works in Teach for America in Tensas Parish during the school year. Stipend for this internship is provided through the Maggie Lee Henson Scholarship for Women in Ministry.

**Congratulations Jenny Hodge**, pictured below with her sister Tina, on the happy occasion of her recent graduation with a M Div degree from Truett Seminary!



**Burt Burleson**, Chaplain of Baylor and pictured below will be the 2014 lecturer for the **Stagg-Tolbert Biblical Forum** to be held October 4 at University Baptist Church in Baton Rouge.



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