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## Louisiana Fellowship Marks 15th Bags of Hope School Supply Drive in Lake Providence

Saturday morning August 5 broke bright and warm with the smell of the new school year in the air. Teachers, school administrators and Cooperative Baptists from around the state worked to transform Southside Elementary into carnival atmosphere to welcome and bless the dawning of an academic year.

Each student and family were presented a back pack with beginning supplies, a book, a Bible and several carnival treats including pop corn, snow cones, jump house, music and craft. Together for Hope Director Marc Boswell followed up with each teacher the first week of school with appreciation bags and the essential supplies for the classroom.

It is a remarkable partnership spanning 15 years now that speaks to our long term commitment to a calling to this special community. Thanks to these churches who sent volunteers, supplies or funding: Haynes Ave Baptist, Church for the Highlands and First Baptist in Shreveport; Broadmoor and University in Baton Rouge; St. Charles Ave Baptist in New Orleans; and Emmanuel in Alexandria.

### Save the date!

Stagg-Tolbert  
 Forum  
 October 28

**Emmanuel - Alexandria**  
 Loyd Allen, Professor of Church History at Mercer, commemorates Martin Luther's 95 Theses and the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.



## Saying Goodby to Dr. Anders

Sarah Frances Anders, beloved teacher, mentor and CBF pioneer, died shortly before the General Assembly met in Atlanta.



Professor Emeritus of Sociology at Louisiana College, she was an early Moderator for CBF National and a founder of our state fellowship. A remembrance of her, "Deviant Grace" by Kyle Kelley, one of her students, is at [cbfla.org](http://cbfla.org) along with links to her obituary and other stories of her life and legacy.

Her wit and eloquence will long be remembered, but it is her wisdom, generosity and the steadfast modeling of a well informed faith that will continue to reverberate in her students and friends for years to come.





## Louisiana Celebrates 25 Years of Fellowship Family at Atlanta Meeting

CBF-LA folks marked a quarter century of Kingdom work with CBF partners at the General Assembly in Atlanta this summer.

Mike Massar shared with the national family our work with Greater Mt. Olive Church in rebuilding after the Baton Rouge flood.

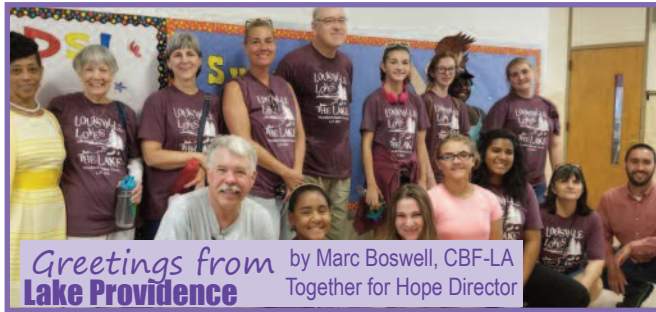
Our state meeting began a discussion of plans to invest a \$100,000 grant from CBF Global to the work of Together for Hope and a new church start.



Time was given to worship, workshops, food, opportunities to acquaint or reacquaint ourselves with the extended family and even some hands-on mission work in assembling meal packets for at risk families as demonstrated at top by chefs Mike Anderson, Kenny and Shirley Crump.



June and July have been busy, full months in Lake Providence. Three different church groups have come to learn about and volunteer



*Greetings from Lake Providence* by Marc Boswell, CBF-LA Together for Hope Director

in the community.

The youth group from Church for the Highlands visited in June, helping paint a building that community members hope to make an operational community center in the future.

The group also learned about the civil rights history of Northeastern Louisiana and concluded their trip with a visit to the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, Tennessee.

Woodland Baptist Church (Louisville, KY) visited for their fifth consecutive year in July and helped run a Reading Day Camp at Southside Elementary School. We focused on rising third grade students and provided one-on-one tutoring/learning sessions for the kids. Our goal was to further strengthen the reading skills of children at this important stage of their development. The week concluded with a cookout and an opportunity for the students and their families to spend time at the Mission House and with the Woodland volunteers. The week was also special in that some local students from the Art Club and the GED program were able to join in as volunteers and tutors, also.



The Gayton Kirk Presbyterian Church's high school youth group (Richmond, Virginia) also came in July. This group helped with a variety of community projects, including a work project to clean historic grave markers in the Lake Providence cemetery and providing additional help cleaning the community center. The group capped off their week with a visit to the Grammy Museum in Cleveland, Mississippi, learning more about the rich music history of the Delta.

Additional students have completed their GED/HiSET over the summer, and others are increasingly getting closer.



Please continue to pray for our students and teachers in Lake Providence, many of whom participated in the Back to School Carnival. We treasure our partnership with the educators and children of Lake Providence and supporting their efforts to provide a high quality education for the young people of East Carroll Parish. All of your efforts are greatly appreciated!



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