

Gardere Initiative

Serving the Gardere Community Since 2006

What it is the Gardere Initiative?

OUR PURPOSE

To address substance abuse and other social ills in the Gardere area that adversely affect the children, neighboring subdivisions, and the City in general through spiritual intervention, collaboration and partnerships.

GOALS

- Encourage empowerment through spiritual intervention
- Build spiritual and economical capacity and infrastructure throughout the Gardere community.
- Prevent the onset and reduce the progression of substance abuse, including childhood and underage drinking, violence, criminal and other socially inappropriate behaviors.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SUMMER 2013

Faith Chapel Church of God

Pastor Bart Riggins
995 Staring Lane
June 3-7 / 4pm -6pm
Transportation is provided

Greater Sixty Aid Baptist Church

Pastor James Barett
655 Gardere Lane
June 11, 12, and 13 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. On
Saturday June 15th - Fun in the Sun Day
11 am to 2 pm with a water slide and other fun
activities.

SCRIPTURE THOUGHT

2 Chronicles 7:14

New International Version (NIV)

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

Spiritual Stakeholders

Faith Chapel Church of God

Pastor Bart Riggins
995 Staring Lane
766-4512

St. Jude Catholic Church/

Pastor Caye A. "Trey" Nelson, III
9150 Highland Road
(225) 766-2431

Greater Sixty Aid Baptist Church

Pastor James Barett
655 Gardere Lane
(225) 769-5865

Greater Morning Star Baptist Church

Pastor Charles Burris, Jr.
1002 Mavis Drive
(225) 766-1510

Iglesia El Aposento Alto

Pastor Eleazar y Lidia Rodriguez
1555 Seaboard
225-761-0309
225-246-0195

House of Repentance Baptist Church

Pastor Eric Sanders
8538 G S R I Avenue
(225) 766-3260

Ephesus Apostolic Church

Pastor Richard Brumfield
9531 Burbank Dr., Baton Rouge,
LA 70810
225) 767-5158

Summer Activities

- **SportQuest**
SportQuest's strategy is: **Connect** with young people and sport professionals in their neighborhoods, on their turf. **Serve** local churches and the sporting community, earning the right to influence. **Build** honest and lasting relationships. **Challenge** others to passionately follow Jesus, invade culture, and live with eternity in mind." SportQuest will be ministering in the Gardere Community, **June 3-17.**

June 10th - 14th 4:00 - 6: 00pm
HARTLEY - VEY PARK

- **Gardere Youth Alliance / Sports Team**
Darin Fontenette and Allison Fichette have been working with children from the Gardere Community since 2004 via Gardere Sports Alliance. They will begin signing up (June) & July youth football and cheerleading. The season begins August. Call Darin at: (225)266-4184 for additional information.
- **Swimming - Crawfish Aquatics**
July 8th - 11st / 11:30am - 12:10pm
July 15 - 18th / 11:30 - 12:10pm

ORIENTATION for SWIM LESSONS.

***** June 15th 10am-12pm*****

FAITH CHAPEL 995 Staring Lane

**SWIMMING CAMP IS ONLY AVAILABLE TO
CHILDREN WHOSE PARENTS ATTEND THIS
MEETING**

There is a need for African American children and their parents to learn how to swim. Healing Place (Highland Road) is meeting this need by partnering with Crawfish Aquatics and Faith Chapel to offer 8 swimming lessons this summer. Transportation Will Be Provided
For More Information Call: 225-766-4512

Stakeholders /

Collaborators

African Christian Fellowship
Emmanuel Nzewi, President
995 Staring Lane
766-4512

Southern University
Department of Psychology
Murelle G. Harrison, Chair
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Darin Fontenette
Gardere Youth Alliance
225-266-4184

Daughters of Destiny, LLC
385 South 11th Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802
225-343-5545

Matthews Realty
Henry Matthews
21321 Samuels Rd.
Zachary, LA 70791
654-3395

Connections Ministry
Clayton Hays
5440 Port Hudson Dr.
Baton Rouge, LA 70817

Louisiana Youth Challenge
CPL Jeremy Blunt
cbgambassador@gmail.com

Attorney Caulette Jackson
President

CPL Jeremy Blunt
Vice President

Attorney Rica Kwentua
Past President

More Summer Activities

- **Summer Sack Lunches**
Moms.com (Chapel on the Oaks) and Faith Chapel are partnering to deliver approximately 200 sack lunches daily during June and July in the Gardere area.
June 3rd – July 31st / 12pm
Van will drive around Gardere**
- **Literacy Classes**
Begin at: April 30 / 10:00am – 12pm
Tuesdays and Thursdays
Faith Chapel
995 Staring Lane
 - If you are 18 years and older, and you are interested in learning to read to:
 - ✓ Help find a job
 - ✓ Read for fun
 - ✓ Take a driving test
 - **Individual tutors are available to help achieve your reading goals.**

AREAS SCHOOLS

- Highland Elementary
- Wildwood Elementary
- Magnolia Woods
- Kenilworth
- Lee High
(will become a Magnet School in Fall 2013)
- Gardere Community Christian School
(Returning to Gardere for the school year 2013-2014)

Welcome Nancy Zito, Staff, and Students!!

- Mayfair Middle
(will be closing at the end of this school year)
- **SHOUT OUT to Mayfair Middle**
The Gardere Initiative sends best wishes to the Principal (Ms. Jannette Davis), Assistant Principal (Ms. Clarck Carter, Guidance Counselor (Ms. Stephanie Carter), other staff and faculty, for your diligence during the 2012-2013 year. Also, we wish the students well as they move to other schools in the East Baton Rouge School System!
- **To Think About...**
Children that perform well academically are less likely to use drugs. Schools that perform well are less likely to experience drug-related problems. Parents that are involved with their children and schools are less likely to have children involved with drugs. And most of us have heard that "A family that prays together, stays together". The Gardere Initiative attempts to link the family, church and school.

COMMUNITY NEWS

- **Cleaning the Community, Saturday, May 25, 2013**

- **Community Garden**

A community garden is in the works for Gardere!

- Children will learn how to grow vegetables and flowers.
- Families will learn how to eat healthy
- Parents and children will work together
- Neighbors will work together

- **I Care**

<http://icare.ebrschools.org>

The I CARE Program provides prevention education to students in the areas of alcohol, tobacco, other drugs, violence, crisis response and management. **Equipping students for a healthy, safe, and drug-free future.**

- **Louisiana Center for Health Equity
Our Mission**

LCHE works to address the increasing disparities in health and health care across Louisiana. LCHE represents the interest of health equity promoting the elimination of health disparities caused by poverty, lack of access to quality health care and unhealthy environmental conditions with focus on wellness and community health.

- **Annual Back to School Extravaganza**

August 3rd 2013

HARTLEY - VEY PARK

More Information Will Be Provided at a later Date