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**SPRING 2022 RAMBLE**  
**BOGALUSA &**  
**WASHINGTON PARISH**



**SATURDAY MARCH 12, 2022**

The Times-Democrat: Sunday, May 24, 1908.

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**BEAUTIFUL BOGALUSA**

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**The Pine Land of Promise and Its Marvelous Development.**  
**Four Thousand Inhabitants in Less Than Two Years, and Still It Grows.**  
**A Type Picture of the Progressive Sawmill Town, Which Topographers Will Soon Inscribe in**  
**Big Letters on the Map of Louisiana.**

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Something About the Great Southern Lumber Company, the Biggest Sawmill in the World, and the Millions of Dollars Already  
Expended in Various Handsome and Substantial Improvements.

circa 1908



## Today's Schedule

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| 9:30-10:00  | Registration, Annunciation Catholic Church |
| 10:00-10:10 | Welcome & Introduction                     |
| 10:15-11:30 | Local Churches & Sullivan House            |
| 11:35-12:05 | City Hall                                  |
| 12:10-12:50 | Train Depot ( <i>Lunch @ Depot</i> )       |
| 1:00-1:30   | Bob Hicks House                            |
| 1:35-2:05   | Greater Ebenezer Baptist Church            |
| 2:10-2:50   | Studio in the Country                      |
| 3:00        | Coca-Cola Company + Live Music & Burgers   |
|             | Explore town and local shops on your own   |

## About the Ramble

Today you will get to explore historic and cultural sites celebrating Bogalusa's and Louisiana's heritage. Many of these spaces are not open to the public! While the schedule is laid out on the following pages, there is no guided tour or tour guide. Walk or caravan among the sites at your own pace, **but please understand the sites are only open at their scheduled time.** For example, the set of churches this morning will not be open later this afternoon.

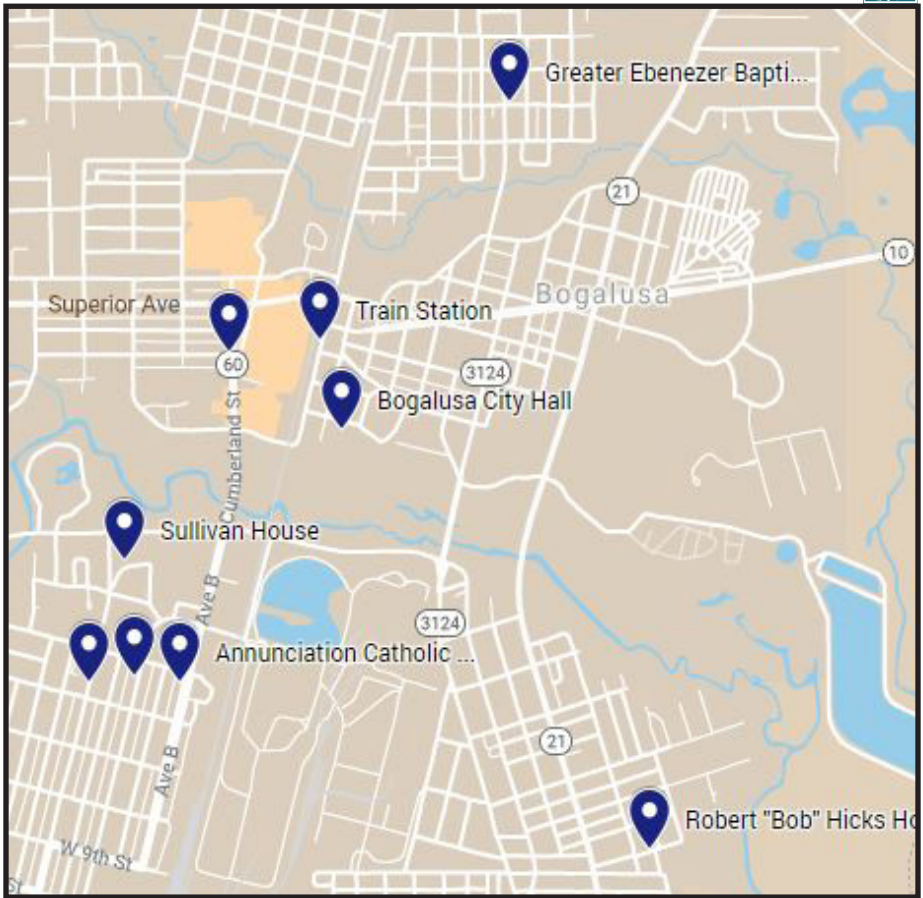
## About the Louisiana Trust for Historic Preservation

Founded in 1979, the Louisiana Trust for Historic Preservation advocates, promotes and preserves historic places representing our diverse culture. The Louisiana Trust is a non-profit organization funded by memberships, donations, grants and your registration to special events like this Ramble, workshops, and the annual preservation conference.

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## About Bogalusa & Washington Parish

Bogalusa was founded in the early 1900s when a sawmill was erected on the Bogue Lusa Creek flowing into the Pearl River by Frank Henry Goodyear, Charles Waterhouse Goodyear, and William Henry Sullivan. It was later incorporated on July 4, 1914. Bogalusa became home to the Great Southern Lumber Company, Bogalusa Paper Company, and several other industries since its founding.

It is home to five National Register properties and a growing Louisiana Cultural District.



## Introduction & Welcome

10:00-10:10



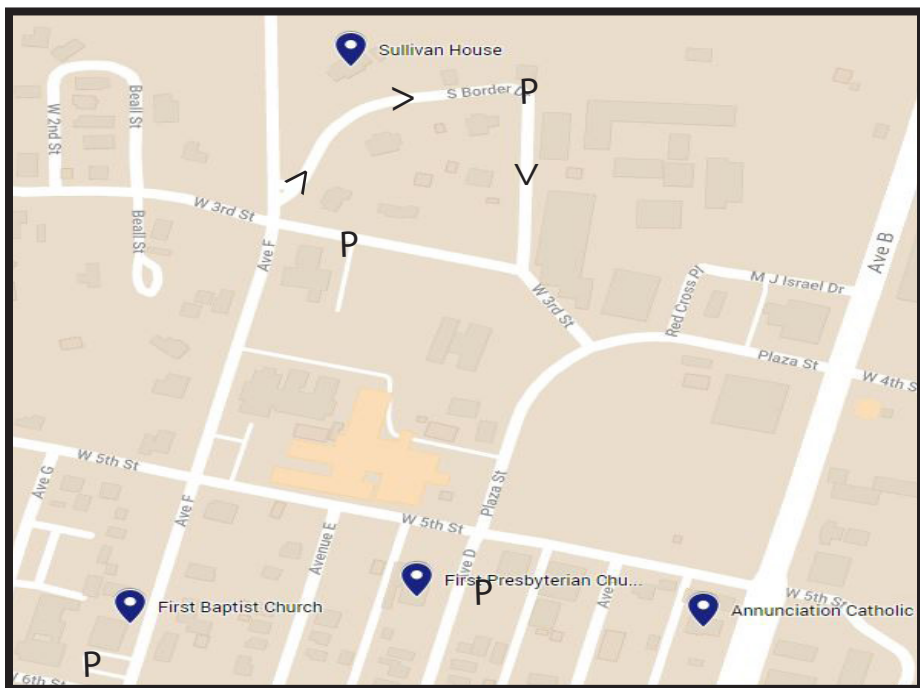
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### Annunciation Catholic Church

**517 Avenue B | 1927**

This structure replaces the original frame building from 1907. It was designed by Rothbone DeBuys, who was also the architect of City Hall. The chapel includes detailed stained glass depicting the Joyful Mysteries and Seven Sacraments. In its time it was built for \$35,000 or about \$525,000 in today's value.

The church was restored after a fire in 1957 and damage from Hurricane Katrina in 2005.







10:15-11:30

## Additional Local Churches & Sullivan House



### First Baptist Church

541 Avenue F | c.1917-1959

*ENTER ON AVENUE G at 6th*

This congregation church started as a simple frame structure in 1907 and has grown to a much larger campus. The sanctuary and surrounding buildings were inspired by European Gothic styles featuring rib vaults and buttresses showing layers of brick and stone.

Educational buildings were added or adapted from earlier buildings in the 1950s.



### First Presbyterian Church

511 Avenue D | 1910

This church was dedicated on March 20, 1910. Mr. T.D. Stadler, a railroad agent who moved to Bogalusa from New Orleans, taught a men's Sunday School class in the dining room of the Colonial Hotel prior to this church being built.

The building has been expanded and renovated over the years. It features various intersecting gables and dormer windows and a prolific bell tower.

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10:15-11:30



**PARKING:**

Parallel park on South Border Drive, additional but limited parking is available near the Bogalusa Library on Avenue F

## Sullivan House

**223 South Border Drive | 1907**

The Sullivan House was built by one of the town founders, William H. Sullivan. He was Vice President of the Great Southern Lumber Company's headquarters here in Bogalusa. He went on to become the town's first mayor until his death in 1929. Sullivan is largely responsible for the development and formation of this company town.

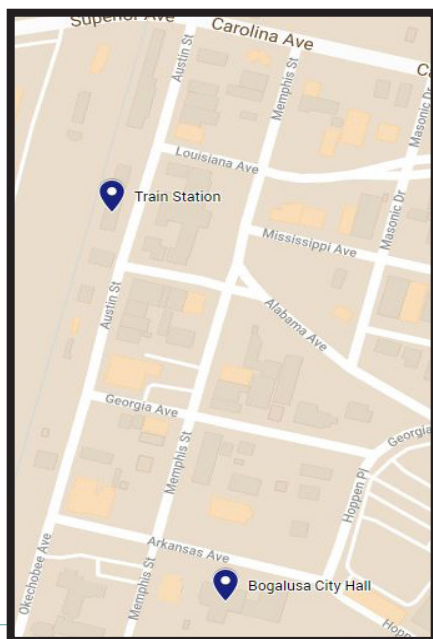
This expansive home was constructed with local long leaf yellow pine. It features 8 bedrooms and 4 1/2 bathrooms. Its mostly Classical Revival style is reflected in the symmetrical design and two-story columns. It was individually listed to the National Register in 1979 and has been featured in national publications.

### DIRECTIONS to CITY HALL/RR DEPOT & NEARBY PARKING

- Return to 5th Avenue
- Turn LEFT on Avenue B
- Avenue B become Cumberland St
- Turn RIGHT onto Okechobee Ave, Continue on Austin
- Turn RIGHT on Arkansas Ave

PARKING AVAILABLE AT CITY HALL & AUSTIN ST, Limited on site and additional street parking nearby

0.3 mile/5 minute walk between City Hall and RR Depot





11:35-12:05



Bathroom Available

## Bogalusa City Hall

### 202 Arkansas Avenue | 1917

This municipal building is a prime example of early 20th century Classical Revival architecture. Prior to this building, city council met in the offices of the Great Southern Lumber Company.

Civil Rights demonstrations took place in front of City Hall in 1965 demanding an end to segregation in public facilities and job discrimination.

Make sure to look up and admire the central dome. While additions were added and other modern updates applied, it retains many original details and materials. It was added to the National Register in 1979.

12:10-12:50



Bathroom Available

## Railroad Depot & Caboose

### 355 Austin Street | 1907

This depot used to be a stopping point along the Gulf Mobile & Ohio Railroad's "Rebel Route," a line that terminated in New Orleans. The interior features a large collection of railroad artifacts as well as panoramic images of the town in the early 1900s. This station retains its segregated seating areas and ticket booths that were indicative of the Jim Crow era. It was listed to the National Register in 1980.

Don't miss your chance to ring the bell (see cover)!

**\*PICK UP YOUR LUNCH HERE\***



## DIRECTIONS to BOB HICKS HOUSE from DEPOT:

- Head NORTH to Louisiana Avenue
- Turn LEFT on LA-21/N Columbia Street (Continue 1.5 miles)
- Turn LEFT onto Bob Hicks Street
- Destination on LEFT near corner of Florence Avenue

## PARKING:

On Street on Bob Hicks Street and surrounding streets

## 1:00-1:30



### Bob Hicks House & Mill House 924 East Robert Bob Hicks Street | 1906, 1950s

Robert Hicks and many in this neighborhood worked at the local paper mill in the 1950s. He was active in the millworkers union and NAACP, until a State Circuit Court judge outlawed that organization in Louisiana in 1956. The Hicks Family later hosted two white Civil Rights activists in his home and as a result, KKK members threatened to bomb this house on February 1, 1965. Armed black guards stood watch of the house day and night. Other violent attacks continued in February of 1965.

This became the headquarters of the "Deacons of Defense and Justice" and the executive board members of the "Bogalusa Civic and Voters League." It was known as the "Civil Rights House" or "Safe Haven House" for those traveling nationally that could not lodge overnight in segregated hotels. Hicks along with A.Z. Young and Gayle Jenkins led the 105 mile march from Bogalusa to Baton Rouge in August 1967.

This site was added to the National Register in 2015, before reaching the traditional 50-year mark, and was most recently recognized as part of the Louisiana Civil Rights Trail.

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## DIRECTIONS from BOB HICKS HOUSE TO GREATER EBENEZER:

- Head WEST on Bob Hicks Street
- Turn RIGHT on North Columbia Street (Continue 1.5 miles)
- Turn LEFT on Louisiana Avenue, Continue/Slight RIGHT onto Carolina
- Turn RIGHT on Austin Street
- Turn RIGHT on Bayer Street
- Destination on Left at corner of Poplas and Church Street

### PARKING:

Parking lot available next to church

**1:35-2:05**



Bathroom Available

## Greater Ebenezer Baptist Church

**1104 Poplas Street | 1970**

The Greater Ebenezer Baptist Church was formed in 1927. It was the only church in the city that authorized and permitted Civil Rights leaders to hold grassroots community meetings. Gail Jenkins, noted African American woman and Civil Rights leader, was a member of this church and lived nearby. The meetings and Freedom Songs held at this site inspired changes within the local community, state, and national Civil Rights movement.

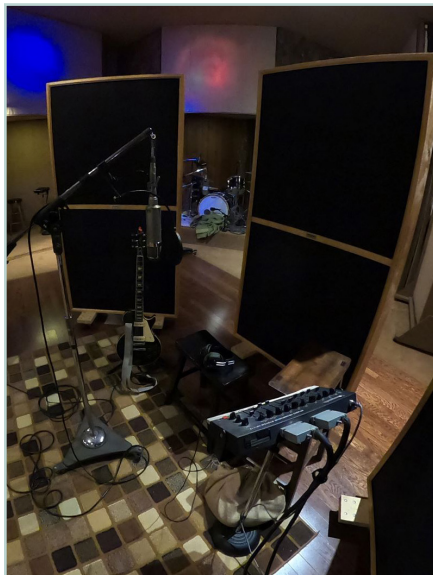
This church replaces prior frame structures. GEBC was added to the Louisiana African American Heritage Trail in 2012.

## Directions to STUDIO IN THE COUNTRY from GEBC:

- Head NORTH on Poplas Street
- Turn RIGHT on Bayer Street
- Turn LEFT on North Royal Street
- Turn RIGHT on City Limits Road
- Turn LEFT on LA-21 N (Continue for 1.4 miles)
- Turn RIGHT on LA-436 W (Continue for 1 mile)
- Destination on LEFT



2:15-2:55



Bathroom Available

## Studio in the Country

21443 Hwy 436 - 70427 |

*Recording since 1973*

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In the 1970s, Bill Evans put everything he had to making this recording studio come to life. After becoming a sound engineer in California, Evans worked to create a studio back in his home of Louisiana. Many disregarded the idea and said "can't build that in the middle of nowhere" and many banks made financing impossible. It opened July 7, 1973 as the state's first multi-track studio.

Countless artists have recorded here but here are just a few you may recognize:

Blues Traveler, Doc Watson and Merle Watson, Dr. John, Jimmy Buffett, Kansas (Masque, Leftoverture, and Point of Know Return), Marilyn Manson, The Neville Brothers (Meters), Perry Como, Stevie Wonder (Journey Through the Secret Life of Plants), Willie Nelson, and many more.

### Directions to COCA-COLA from STUDIO IN THE COUNTRY:

- Turn LEFT on LA-436 E
- Turn LEFT on LA-21 S, Continue 2.4 miles
- Turn RIGHT on Louisiana Avenue
- SLIGHT RIGHT becomes Carolina Avenue
- Continue onto Superior Avenue
- Turn LEFT on Shenandoah St
- Destination on LEFT, just past Dollar General



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3:00



## Coca-Cola Company

### 213 Shenandoah Street | 1931

Bogalusa Bottling Company operated by the Mills Family for 75 years starting in 1910. This building is based on a design for “Standard Plant No. 3” found in the “Coca-Cola Bottler’s Standards” publication of 1929. It was the first building in the city to feature an elevator. It recognized by LTHP in 2018 as a Most Endangered Place after years of neglect. The next year it was added to the National Register 2019. The building will be adapted in to office space and feature a Coca-Cola memorabilia display.

**STICK AROUND FOR LIVE MUSIC from Keenan Knight & Trent Grabert & complimentary burgers. Explore more of town and local shops on your own.**

**PARKING:**  
Some on-site parking, nearby parking available across the street at Dollar General

## Join LTHP at these upcoming events and programs...

### 41st Annual Louisiana Preservation Conference

**April 21 - April 22 | Monroe & West Monroe**

Local Tours, Educational Sessions, Keynote Luncheon, and Awards Ceremony



Register for these and other upcoming events.

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### Two Mini-Rambles

**Saturday May 7 | Marion or Baton Rouge**

Marion & Union Parish + Sacred Spaces of Downtown Baton Rouge



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