

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

— John 11:25-26



# THE ANCHOR

"Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the LORD, because you know that your labor in the LORD is not in vain." I Corinthians 15:58 (NIV)

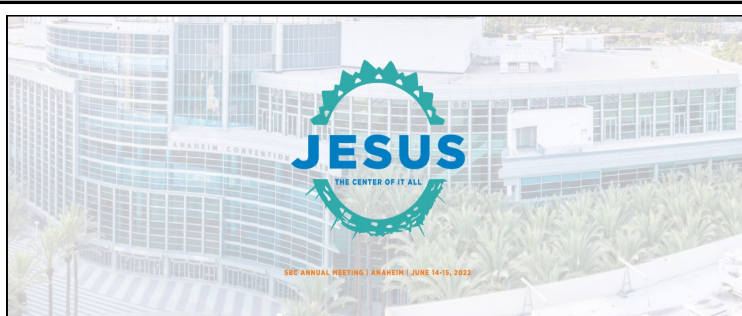
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Mark Clifton (left), North American Mission Board, and Richard Blackaby (right), Blackaby Ministries, encouraged 66 pastors and church leaders in the **REVIVE: Christ and His Church** Conference held on March 24.



## 2022 SBC Annual Meeting & Pastors' Conference

June 12-15

Anaheim, California

2022 SBC Annual Meeting  
2022 SBC Pastor's Conference

Deadline to make hotel reservations to get guaranteed rates or cancel without penalty is May 16.  
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# Northshore Church News

● **Thompson Road (Slidell)** invites everyone to join them for their Good Friday service on April 15 at 6 p.m. They will commemorate the gift of love Jesus extended to the whole world through scripture and song. Thompson Road is also beginning a brand new ministry open to all. It is called Courtside Ministries. The launch date is Thursday, April 7, at 8 a.m. Pastor Randy Boyett said, "We gather in front of the Courthouse in Covington to pray with those who are entering the Courthouse. We have permission from the court system to be there. We will pass out Bibles and spiritual resources as well as info on social services. This is a nationwide ministry bringing the love of Christ to the Courthouse. More information can be found at <https://Courtsideministries.org>. We welcome anyone who might like to join us. We can walk you through a brief training. Please pray that we can point people to Jesus and His great love for them."

● **First (Covington)** Special Needs individuals and their families are welcome to attend **Saddle Up! For Yes, We Can** on Saturday, April 9, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information go to <https://fbccov.org/special-friends-ministry/> or contact Pat Bourgeois at 985-892-2149 or [fbccovspecialfriends@gmail.com](mailto:fbccovspecialfriends@gmail.com).



Waylon Bailey is pastor.

● **Woodland (Springfield)** will have a Good Friday service with Lord's Supper at 7 p.m. on April 15, and a Sunrise Service with Flowering of the Cross at 7 a.m. on April 17. Ernest Graham is pastor.

● **Immanuel (Hammond)** has several events coming up: April 6: Life Line Health screenings at a reduced cost for the community, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. An appointment is required. Go to <https://lifelinescreening.com> to make an appointment. April 15: Good Friday Community Egg Hunt, Food and Fun, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Good Friday Scripture and Communion at 6 p.m. Come as you are! April 17: Resurrection Breakfast at 9:15 a.m. Resurrection Celebration beginning at 10 a.m. April 24: Bright Sunday. Wear your brightest colors and smile as we continue celebrating Christ's resurrection. Community Luncheon at noon. May 1: Concert by The FBC Sulphur Springs Youth Choir at 6 p.m., directed by Andre Simon. Pastor is Mark Goree.

● **First (Independence)** had six come on profession of faith and baptism on Sunday, March 27. A family: Father, mother, and four children. Pastor Mitch Williams said, "This was great and we thank God for leading us to them."

● **First (Mandeville)** is accepting resumes for the position of Publications Assistant. For more information call the church office at 985-626-3217 or email resume to [cantawells@fbcmanteville.org](mailto:cantawells@fbcmanteville.org). Interim pastor is Adam Hughes.

● **First (Ponchatoula)** will host The Allen Family on Sunday, April 3, at 6:30 p.m. The Allen Family is based out of Hammond, with eight family members that sing and play a wide variety of music including Southern Gospel, Contemporary, A Cappella hymns, inspirational, and much more. It will be a worship service that you will not want to miss. This is an event for all churches and anyone is welcome. Come and bring family, friends, workmates, classmates, etc. Chip Vickers is Music Pastor and David Cranford is Senior Pastor.

● **Crossroads (Hammond)** is seeking a part time Administrative Assistant. Send resumes to [asah@crossroadshammond.com](mailto:asah@crossroadshammond.com). Pastor is Asah Hudgins.

● **Jerusalem (Hammond)** has positions open for: Worship Leader. Part-time, bi-vocational, or full-time possibilities will be considered; Student Minister (Children & Youth). Part-time, bi-vocational, or full-time possibilities will be considered; Secretary/Receptionist. Part-time. For more information or to submit a resume, contact Dr. Phil Weaver, Senior Pastor, at [dr.phillipeweaver@gmail.com](mailto:dr.phillipeweaver@gmail.com).

● **Grace Memorial (Slidell)** events in April and May are: April 1-3: **Youth Ignite Weekend**- weekend of worship for students in Junior High and High School. For more info go to [Events – Grace Memorial Baptist Church \(discovergrace.us\)](https://www.discovergrace.us) Sunday, April 3, 4 p.m.: **Christ in the Passover: A Seder**. Call the church office to sign up, 985-643-6017. Sunday, April 10, 10:30 a.m.: Adult Choir and Orchestra performs the musical, **Jesus The Undefeated One**, Sunday, May 15, 10:30 a.m.: **Preschool Choir** performs, then the **Children's Choir** performs the musical, **The Name of Jesus**. Jerry Smith.

● **First (Folsom)** is partnering with Midway Church of Christ Holiness in Folsom to bring seven additional churches, including Red Bluff and Bogue Falaya Baptist churches, for a Folsom area fish fry. Pastors from these churches will share a brief devotional on the 7 last sayings of Christ on the cross. The interdenominational and interracial event will take place on Midway's park grounds in Folsom. Will Robbins is pastor.

● **Ridge Memorial (Slidell)** pastor Paul Dabdoub will celebrate 31 years of service at Ridge Memorial on May 19. Pastor Dabdoub said, "Sometimes I feel that I have deprived Ridge of having a good pastor, however I am so honored that they have put up with me for all these years. I feel so fortunate." Everything is scheduled for this year's national graduation for the graduates of Slidell Baptist Seminary. The graduation will be held Sunday, June 5, at 7 p.m. The seminary will be honoring the classes of 2020, 2021, and 2022.



## Mark Your Calendar Northshore Baptist Association

### APRIL 2022

15 Good Friday (Northshore Office closed)  
17 Easter Sunday  
27 Administrative Professionals Day

### MAY 2022

8 Mother's Day  
30 Memorial Day (Northshore Office closed)



**Timothy 2:1-4**  
is the prayer watchword  
for everything we  
do in the  
Northshore Baptist  
Association.

# ShoreLines

By Don Pucik

Associational Mission Strategist

While you have begun meeting again as a church, there are dear ones staying at home... they don't believe that there is a need for them to be physically present when the church gathers. They argue that their relationship with God is "private" and no one else's business. But we know that the gathered church was God's idea, not ours. And if that's true, then we also know that He never intended for believers to live in isolation from one another. But why?

- First, it's clear **that the very life of Jesus indwelling you (as a believer) longs to connect with the life of Jesus found in other believers.** In the description of the earliest church, we read that *"they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers... So continuing daily with one accord"* (Acts 2:42, 46). The earliest believers loved one another and they loved being together through the week! They couldn't get enough! According to the apostle John, this is one of the marks of any true believer: *"We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death."* (1 John 3:14)



Don Pucik

- Second, we need to remember **that Jesus makes Himself known to groups in ways that the individual Christian will miss on his own.** As the earliest church gathered, we read that *"fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles"* (Acts 2:32). When the church comes together in His name, He has promised to be present! (Matthew 18:20) There are ways you will experience God with a serious group of Christians that will not happen when you are alone.
- Third, in a world desperate to experience authentic love and care, **Jesus wants you to experience His love through the practical ministry of His body – the church.** (44-45) Luke again observes that *"all who believed were together, and had all things in common, and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need"* (Acts 2:44-45). You have spiritual, material, and emotional needs that God will only meet through a group of believers.

The church is the vital human component of His plan to broadcast the gospel and transform lives across the Northshore and around the world. Sin causes all humanity to be experienced as broken and messy. We will have problems in the church, but you can be encouraged by what He is doing "behind the scenes" – pray for your church and trust Him!

Jesus made you to live in a spiritual family! When the church gathers, it is not a group of consumers "getting their needs met" because of the church's leadership and programming. It's your family -- you are joining your spiritual fathers and mothers and brothers and sisters and sons and daughters.

Pray with me for your church and the churches who make up the Northshore Association. May the Lord do a deeper work in us so that one day (soon) this might be the best way to describe us: *"So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved"* (Acts 2:46-47).

*We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God granted to the churches of Macedonia [NBA]: During a severe testing by affliction, their abundance of joy and their deep poverty overflowed into the wealth of their generosity. — 2 Corinthians 8:1-2 HCSB*

## Northshore Baptist Association Church Contributions

The NBA defines a member church as one which does the following (among other things):  
**Contributes financially to support the work of the Association.**

	Jan-Feb	YTD		Jan-Feb	YTD		Jan-Feb	YTD
Albany First	1,207.56	1,207.56	Lee Hill	-0-	-0-	Westside	988.16	988.16
Antioch	25.00	25.00	Lee Valley	-0-	-0-	Woodhaven	140.00	140.00
Bayou	100.00	100.00	Life	-0-	-0-	Woodland	-0-	-0-
Bedico	1,044.19	1,044.19	Lighthouse	-0-	-0-	Woodland Park	2,404.91	2404.91
Bethlehem	1,207.00	1,207.00	Loranger	1,078.71	1,078.71	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>52,175.42</b>	<b>52,175.42</b>
Blood River	649.14	649.14	Louisiana	-0-	-0-			
Bogue Falaya	-0-	-0-	Manchac	-0-	-0-	Expenditures	44,051.04	44,051.04
Calvary	200.00	200.00	Mandeville's First	2,500.00	2,500.00	Church Receipts	52,175.42	52,175.42
Celebration (Cov/Mand)	500.00	500.00	Midway	-0-	-0-	Additional Income	30.28	30.28
Celebration (Slidell)	500.00	500.00	Millville	1,006.00	1,006.00	Balance		118,426.78
Coburn	-0-	-0-	Mt. Calvary	121.37	121.37	Designated Accounts		892,566.06
Collins Blvd.	150.00	150.00	Natalbany	1,358.43	1,358.43			
Countryside	-0-	-0-	New Beginning	-0-	-0-			
Covenant	75.00	75.00	New Beulah	238.37	238.37			
Creekside	-0-	-0-	New Hope	-0-	-0-			
Cristo para Todos	-0-	-0-	New Life Community	375.00	375.00			
Crossbrand	591.42	591.42	New Zion	3,352.40	3,352.40			
Crossgate	-0-	-0-	Northshore	1,833.34	1,833.34			
Crossroads	1,119.78	1,119.78	Northside	540.57	540.57			
Ebenezer	440.18	440.18	Old Zion Hill	555.95	555.95			
Emmaus	-0-	-0-	Ponchatoula's First	3,409.45	3,409.45			
Evans Creek	-0-	-0-	Red Bluff	465.68	465.68			
First, Covington	7,166.67	7,166.67	Redemption, Lacombe	200.00	200.00			
First, Folsom	2,196.99	2,196.99	Redemption Christian	-0-	-0-			
First, Hammond	456.78	456.78	Ridge Memorial	50.00	50.00			
First, Independence	200.00	200.00	River Fellowship	526.90	526.90			
First, Madisonville	-0-	-0-	Serenity	143.94	143.94			
First, Pearl River	1,716.74	1,716.74	Springville	134.86	134.86			
First, Slidell	1,566.66	1,566.66	Still Water	-0-	-0-			
First, Springfield	199.92	199.92	SweetWater	344.18	344.18			
First, Tickfaw	-0-	-0-	Tammany Hills	970.97	970.97			
French Corner	452.55	452.55	The Bridge	200.00	200.00			
Grace Community	-0-	-0-	The Field Church	300.00	300.00			
Grace Fellowship	384.70	384.70	Thompson Road	861.37	861.37			
Grace Hispanic	-0-	-0-	Trinity	1,019.00	1,019.00			
Grace Memorial	2,800.00	2,800.00	True Life	300.00	300.00			
Greater St. James	-0-	-0-	Victory	-0-	-0-			
Hebron	300.00	300.00	Wardline	-0-	-0-			
Iglesia Agua Viva	7.64	7.64						
Iglesia Buenas Nuevas	188.88	188.88						
Iglesia Cristo Redentor	83.34	83.34						
Immanuel	175.55	175.55						
Jerusalem	1,050.17	1,050.17						
Killian First	-0-	-0-						

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We have appointments available for primary family care.

Call 504.533.4999 to schedule an appointment.

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### DEADLINE FOR JUNE-JULY NEWSLETTER: May 15, 2022

Send us your Vacation Bible School dates to be included in the June-July Newsletter.