



# 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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## Reignite: Spark and Fuel Your Small Group Ministry

Sunday, August 29

4:00-7:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church  
1895 Highway 190, Mandeville, LA 70448

Hosted by the Pastors and Staff of Bedico Baptist Church and FBC Mandeville in Partnership with Northshore Baptist Association

[ReIgnite Registration](#)

**Executive Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, August 10 @ 10 a.m.**  
 New Zion Baptist Church  
 17387 New Zion Church Road, Covington, LA 70435  
 All member churches are entitled to send their pastor (or the church's designee) and one other designated person to represent them in the conducting of Associational business.

**REVIVE!**  
**Christ and His Church**  
**September 16**  
 9 a.m.– 3 p.m.  
 First Baptist Church  
 16333 Highway 1085, Covington  
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**Northshore Baptist Association**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**Monday, October 4**  
 Northshore Church  
 310 Kensington Blvd., Slidell  
 Each member church is entitled to three messengers for the first 100 members and one additional messenger for each additional 100 members. No church shall be entitled to more than ten messengers for any session.

# Northshore Church News

●**First (Ponchatoula)** will have a River Baptism Celebration and Family Picnic at Camp Living Waters Sunday, September 5, 12:30 to 3 p.m. “Change Me”, four days of personal renewal, will be held Sunday-Wednesday, October 3-6 with Roc Collins, evangelist, and Terry Williams, music leader. David Cranford is pastor.

●**SweetWater (Abita Springs)** will have its fifth preview service on Sunday, August 15, at 10 a.m. They still want to add to their leadership team - particularly someone who could also lead worship. Please contact Pastor Ken Schroeder at 985-630-4960 if you know of anyone who might be interested. The church will have its Grand Opening Service on September 12 at 10 a.m. All services are at the District 11 Recreation Center, 22519 LA 36, Abita Springs.

●**Woodland Park (Hammond)** will host a Women’s Night of Worship Friday, September 17, at 7 p.m. Worship leader is Brooke Robertson and message is by Susan Moffett. Go to [www.hope4hammond.com/wnow](http://www.hope4hammond.com/wnow) for more information. Pastor is Tim Moffett.

●**Grace Memorial (Slidell)** has established a new Counseling Ministry, offered without cost as a ministry of the church. The focus of the GMBC Counseling Ministry will be to offer individual, couple, and family faith-based counseling to the Northshore Community at large as well as churches, church leaders and their families. Heading up the ministry is GMBC’s new Director of Counseling, Dr. Walker Marsh. Dr. Marsh is a retired Navy chaplain and licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and Licensed Professional Counselor with many years of counseling experience. He is a graduate of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Questions regarding this ministry can be directed to him at 985-445-3393 or by email to [walker@discovergrace.us](mailto:walker@discovergrace.us). Jerry Smith is pastor.

●**New Zion (Covington)** Women on Mission will host “Harvest Hayday” Saturday, August 14, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with featured speaker Shellie Rushing Tomlinson. There will be food, games, fun, door prizes, and best costume contest. Attire is hillbilly Admission is free. A love offering will be received. Sign up online [here](#) or call the church office at 985-892-4711. Pastor is Clark Stewart.

●**Mandeville’s First Baptist** will host The Foto Sisters in concert Sunday, August 15, at 5 p.m. A love offering will be taken. Pastor is Corey Fontan.

●**First (Covington)** will host Lysa Terkeurst Encounter Tour Thursday, September 2, at 7 p.m. Tickets may be bought on-line [here](#) or in the church bookstore during regular bookstore hours (Saturday 4:30-6 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.). **Tuesday Men’s Breakfast** led by Waylon Bailey starts back Tuesday, August 3, and meets each Tuesday morning at 6:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The Bible study is open to the community. **Women’s Wednesday Morning Bible Study**, led by Martha Bailey, will kick off Wednesday, September 8, at 10 a.m. Registration will open August 9 at [www.fbccov.org](http://www.fbccov.org). The study is open to the community. The church will host a **National Christian Grandparenting Summit** on October 21-22. Spread the word in your church and don’t miss this tremendous opportunity of encouragement and inspiration to guide you to be the godly influence and intentional grandparent God wants you to be! Get more details and register [here](#). **Young at Heart Adults 55+** is open to the community and meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Special guest in August is Zach Craven and guests in September are the Foto Sisters. The Young At Heart group has a trip planned on Friday, September 24, to St. Francisville — The Myrtles and Rosedown Plantations. Several support groups meet at FBC including **Alzheimer’s Caregivers Support Group** (a support group for those caring for and dealing with loved ones who have dementia. Meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in room W415), **Celebrate Recovery** (meets every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.), **GriefShare** (a support group for those grieving the loss of a loved one. Meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in room W407 and every Thursday at 9:00 a.m. in room W412), **DivorceCare** (a support group for those going through separation or divorce. Meets each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in room W406.) Waylon Bailey is pastor.

## BCM Highlights

The BCM would like to welcome two new interns, Courtney Jones and Jonah Kyle Traylor. Courtney and Jonah Kyle are Southeastern graduates and were active in BCM as students.

Church Fair will be Thursday, September 2. This is a great time for your church to meet and interact with college students. If you would like to be involved, please call or text Matt Middlecamp 479-841-7557.

Please pray for the BCM and staff as we start the school year and reach students for Christ!

Thank you,  
Matt Middlecamp

## Pastor Randy Boyett, Thompson Road Baptist Church, Slidell, shares this challenge with area churches:

The time is now to begin to educate your people as to the problems that gambling will bring to our parish. I would like to challenge every pastor to encourage your people to vote no on the casino in November. This casino will, as studies prove, harm a significant segment of our society. Please encourage your people to show up at the polls and vote no. The casino is not simply a Slidell problem. It will affect the entire parish. Thank you, Randy Boyett. Email: [rbtrbc@yahoo.com](mailto:rbtrbc@yahoo.com); Phone: 985-768-9605.

# ShoreLines

By Don Pucik

*Associational Mission Strategist*

She had never lived in the United States before moving to our town to teach at the high school. She was unfamiliar with our culture. She knew no one. But when someone told her about our church, she was immediately interested in the choir because of her love for singing. Choir members befriended her. They invited her home for Sunday lunches and traditional holiday meals. She listened to the worship leader's devotionals at rehearsals and to the preacher's sermons. She was singing Christian songs and hymns every week. Although in her home country Christianity was suppressed, she soon became convinced that Jesus was the only way to know God. She saw His impact on her choir friends. Several shared the gospel with her, and within a few months, her life was changed forever!



**Don Pucik**

Whether you greet people, work in the nursery, teach a class, or sing in the choir, God has placed you in a vital ministry that has the supernatural potential to help others come to know and trust Jesus for salvation. How can you be a part of what God is doing through the ministries of your church?

**Pray.** Slow down and begin this journey by renewing your fellowship with the Lord. James encouraged us to “draw near to God, and He will draw near to you” (James 4:8). As we spend time with Him, His presence begins to affect our hearts, and our hearts begin to align with His. Moved with compassion for the lost, Jesus taught His followers to ask the Father “to send out workers into his harvest” (Matthew 9:38). The Father “sends” those whose hearts have been touched with the same compassion Jesus has for the lost. Pray also with others involved in your ministry area, asking the Lord to give you opportunities to share the gospel.

**Trust.** Evangelism can be scary. We fear not knowing what to say – or worse – saying the wrong thing. Jesus never intended that we serve Him in our own strength. In fact, He said, “you can do nothing without Me” (John 15:5). He is not counting on you to produce results. He is calling you to rest in Him (Matthew 11:28-29; John 15:4-5). Trust Him.

**Care.** Luke made a powerful observation about Jesus when he wrote that “all the tax collectors and sinners were approaching to listen to him” (Luke 15:1). Why did so many secular and irreligious people feel so drawn to Jesus? They felt loved and cared for when they were around Him. They wanted to hear anything and everything He had to say! Similarly, as we genuinely care for the hard-to-love personalities God brings near to us, He will give us remarkable opportunities to share the gospel.

What happened to the young woman who was saved through the choir ministry? When the school year ended, she returned to her home country. As a fearless and vibrant witness for Christ, she was able to lead her parents and others in her family to the Lord. Notice that she didn't connect with all the ministries of our church... just one. But it was enough, because it was a gospel sharing ministry! ~ DP

Don Pucik, Mission Strategist  
Northshore Baptist Association

## **Strengthening the Shepherds: A Group for Pastors and Church Staff**

There is something special about being a shepherd. When stationed in Scotland years ago, I had the opportunity to get to know a few of the local shepherds, men who had committed themselves to a demanding lifestyle. It was not easy. It was lonely, the responsibilities were great, the sheep were not always cooperative and sometimes they were downright belligerent. Topping it off, the job of the shepherd was very demanding, requiring the shepherd to brave snowy nights and pelting rainfall to attend to a sheep in need, many times helping to bring a new sheep into this world. The job was physically and mentally stressful, with few tangible rewards. The pay was not that good and the returns were sometimes meager. Yet, in spite of all this, I never once heard a shepherd say he wanted to change jobs. In spite of the low pay, bad hours, and unappreciative sheep, most of them found a sense of purpose in their job because, you see, it wasn't about them, it was about the welfare of the sheep.

In Matthew 9: 36-38, we are told that Jesus, being with His disciples saw the people around him and “had compassion on them because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd.” He then told his disciples that the harvest was great and that they were to pray that the Lord of the harvest would send out more shepherds into the fields. Sounds to me like Jesus saw value in, and had a heart for shepherds.

As ministers, we are all called to be “shepherds” to the people whom God places in our field of service. Yet, just like the Scottish shepherds I knew, the job can be almost overwhelming. It can drain us emotionally, spiritually, and physically. It can destroy both our relationship with our families as well as our Christian walk, and bring us to the point where we “just want to walk away.” The job of being a shepherd can cause us to doubt both our calling to ministry and whether God really cares at all about His servants.

Consequently, it becomes critically important for pastors and ministers to learn from the experiences of each other and to develop survival skills for ministry. With this in mind, NBA is sponsoring a ***Strengthening the Shepherds*** group to assist pastors and staff in developing the skills to be more effective in the myriad roles and responsibilities they carry. The meeting schedule and venue has yet to be determined, but all pastors and staff are encouraged to attend. As we meet, encourage, learn from each other, share God's Word and learn new skills we can regain the passion for ministry and rekindle that “fire in the soul” that brought us to ministry in the first place. Watch for forthcoming information regarding when the group will be meeting. If you have questions about the group, please feel free to give me a call at 985-445-3393.

Blessings,  
Walker Marsh

### **A note from Don Pucik, NBA Mission Strategist:**

**With many years' experience as a professional counselor, Dr. Marsh recently launched a new counseling ministry at Grace Memorial Baptist Church in Slidell. He has a heart for ministers and their families and is providing counseling services to them at no charge. He wants to help bring pastors together who long for fellowship, encouragement, and support in their journey. Are you a minister who might be interested in being part of a group like that? Give him a call today? ~ DP**

## REVIVE! Christ and His Church

Thursday, September 16, 2021 (9 a.m.-3 p.m.)

God has a purpose for every church. There is much that He wants to do through each church. However, it has been our experience that God gives each church and its leaders “crossroads moments” in their history where they must make decisions based on faith if they are to continue to be used to fulfill the purposes God has in mind for them. It has also been our experience that the current health of any church is a summation of the decisions made over many years.

Blackaby Ministries International (BMI), in partnership with the North American Mission Board, is excited to bring “REVIVE: Christ and His Church” to the Louisiana Northshore! **Dr. Richard Blackaby** and **Dr. Mark Clifton** will unpack several significant truths from the “*Flickering Lamps*” and “*Reclaiming the Glory*” books as well as from their extensive ministry with pastors and churches.

- We will begin at **9:00am** (registration at 8:30am) and conclude at **3:00pm**.
- The cost of **\$10.00** includes lunch and the two featured books.

Whether your church is experiencing positive spiritual health or finds itself struggling, it is vitally important to be oriented to the Headship of Christ. We encourage you to set aside time to attend the entire gathering in March, determined to park your heart before God, allowing Him to speak to you in fresh and transforming ways. Bring several of your key leaders as well so that together, you can experience God’s heart for you and your church!

Register/RSVP Today  
Northshore Baptist Association Office  
(225) 567-5086  
[office@NorthshoreBaptists.net](mailto:office@NorthshoreBaptists.net)

Cost is \$10 cash/check  
(For Lunch + 2 Books)

Conference Location:  
First Baptist Church  
16333 Hwy 1085  
Covington LA

*“The overwhelming response from the pastors was that they felt that every pastor in our association needed to hear what Richard Blackaby and Mark Clifton had to share. The Biblical challenge delivered by Richard Blackaby was powerful! The practical insights from Mark Clifton pertaining to the “nuts and bolts” of church revitalization was extremely insightful. The message of the Revive Conference is one that needs to be delivered to the church in North America!”*

*“Revive, there couldn’t be a more perfect name for this one day conference. I came expecting to get some good information on how to revive my congregation, which I received, but I came away with so much more. I came away with my own soul being revived!”*

*“The main thing I brought back with me from the conference was hope.”*

### Session Titles

“Christ’s Presence and His Church”  
“Reclaiming the Glory”  
“Living and Leading Out of the Overflow”

Includes a Q & A  
time with  
Richard and Mark



## Mark Your Calendar

### Northshore Baptist Association

#### AUGUST 2021

- 7 English as a Second Language. More information [here](#)
- 10 Executive Board Meeting @ New Zion (See page 1 for details)
- 21 Women Who Lead (See this page for details)
- 29 Reignite: Spark and Fuel Your Small Group Ministry @ First, Mandeville (See page 1 for details)

#### SEPTEMBER 2021

- 16 Revive! Christ and His Church @ First, Covington (See page 1 for details)

#### OCTOBER 2021

- 4 Annual Meeting (see page 1 for details)



Annual Church Profiles (ACPs) will be mailed soon. If you do not receive yours please contact the Northshore office at 225.567.5086 or [office@northshorebaptists.net](mailto:office@northshorebaptists.net).

The annual church profile is a snapshot of church statistics. It provides a knowledgeable look at the growth and potential of each church. Reporting the statistics has several benefits for the church, the association, and the Louisiana Baptist Convention.

1. The church can track growth over time.
2. The data can be used to help church leaders plan ministry and outreach strategies.
3. The church can share the data when meeting with prospective pastors and church staff.
4. The data can be used to help secure loans for building projects.
5. The data can be used to assist church planting in reaching people groups.
6. The number of messengers your church sends to the LBC Annual meeting is determined by data provided on the ACP.
7. The local association and the Louisiana Baptist Convention can use the information to plan strategies and support existing programs as well as to identify areas for church planting.
8. The Louisiana Baptist Convention archives the data for the church in case theft, fire or natural disasters destroy church records.



Equipping women who lead in Bible study, missions, mission's education and discipleship in the local church.

**August 21 - 9 a.m.-2 p.m.**

Woodland Park Baptist Church  
1909 J.W. Davis Drive, Hammond

#### General Sessions Include:

- Discipling Leaders
- Intergenerational Engagement—the Value & Rewards
- Serving with Giftedness

#### Breakout Sessions include:

- Missions Curriculum Workshops
- Women's Ministry Tips
- Fresh Ideas
- Each breakout time will also include one class for Hispanic church women's leaders

**Cost:** \$12 (plus fees, includes lunch)  
Register [here](#):

**Registration Deadline:** August 6, 2021

For additional information call Women's Missions and Ministry at 800-622-6549 or 318.448.3402 or email at [WMM@LouisianaBaptists.org](mailto:WMM@LouisianaBaptists.org).

## Week of Prayer for State Missions and Georgia Barnette State Mission Offering

*September 12-19*

Resources have been mailed to churches to be used in promotion. If you have not received yours contact the Women's Missions and Ministry office at LBC at 800-622-6549 or [WMM@LouisianaBaptists.org](mailto:WMM@LouisianaBaptists.org).

*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.**

	May-June	YTD		May-June	YTD		May-June	YTD
Albany First	781.90	2,107.87	Lee Hill	-0-	-0-	Trinity	563.00	1,641.00
Antioch	44.03	94.54	Lee Valley	-0-	-0-	True Life	200.00	600.00
Bayou	100.00	300.00	Life	-0-	-0-	Victory	-0-	-0-
Bedico	858.00	2,508.00	Lighthouse	-0-	-0-	Wadesboro	-0-	-0-
Bethlehem	702.00	1,862.00	Loranger	1,378.06	3,915.86	Wardline	400.00	1,000.00
Blood River	666.96	1,632.28	Louisiana	-0-	-0-	Westside	1,024.79	2,953.00
Bogue Falaya	300.69	1,804.14	Manchac	-0-	-0-	Woodhaven	212.00	388.00
Boots N Saddles	-0-	-0-	Mandeville's First	2,500.00	7,500.00	Woodland	-0-	-0-
Calvary	200.00	600.00	Midway	-0-	-0-	Woodland Park	2,541.60	7,111.76
Celebration (Cov/Mand)	500.00	1,500.00	Millville	-0-	-0-	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>39,696.51</b>	<b>129,088.94</b>
Celebration (Slidell)	500.00	1,500.00	Mt. Calvary	44.90	246.41			
Coburn	24.62	24.62	Natalbany	763.97	4,173.55	Expenditures	45,381.64	129,085.48
Collins Blvd.	-0-	150.00	New Beginning	150.00	300.00	Church Receipts	39,696.51	129,088.94
Countryside	-0-	75.00	New Beulah	140.04	362.49	Additional Income	-0-	-0-
Covenant	80.00	130.00	New Hope	-0-	-0-	Balance		109,831.78
Creekside	-0-	700.00	New Life Community	125.00	500.00	Designated Accounts		884,226.99
Cristo para Todos	-0-	-0-	New Zion	2,450.49	7,461.60			
Crossbrand	512.44	1,348.28	Northshore	1,750.00	5,250.00			
Crossgate	50.00	200.00	Northside	339.87	1,058.71			
Crossroads	1,119.78	3,359.34	Old Zion Hill	381.76	2,078.30			
Ebenezer	442.41	1,302.22	Ponchatoula's First	1,583.76	8,943.92			
Emmaus	-0-	-0-	Red Bluff	-0-	1,114.51			
Evans Creek	619.33	1,227.33	Redemption, Lacombe	300.00	600.00			
First, Covington	4,333.34	13,000.02	Redemption Christian	-0-	-0-			
First, Folsom	1,183.75	2,715.68	Ridge Memorial	-0-	50.00			
First, Hammond	188.79	1,050.99	River Fellowship	-0-	311.88			
First, Independence	200.00	600.00	Serenity	35.42	284.61			
First, Madisonville	-0-	-0-	Springville	89.60	173.30			
First, Pearl River	-0-	-0-	Still Water	-0-	-0-			
First, Slidell	1,566.66	4,699.98	SweetWater	61.76	61.76			
First, Springfield	43.87	730.14	Tammany Hills	467.45	1,215.66			
First, Tickfaw	548.64	1,337.72	The Bridge	200.00	700.00			
French Corner	415.37	1,100.95	The Field Church	200.00	800.00			
Grace Community	-0-	390.40	Thompson Road	470.11	1,693.18			
Grace Fellowship	324.58	1,848.28						
Grace Hispanic	-0-	3.58						
Grace Memorial	1,791.00	8,230.00						
Greater St. James	-0-	-0-						
Hebron	600.00	1,800.00						
Iglesia Agua Viva	-0-	-0-						
Iglesia Buenas Nuevas	147.74	447.62						
Iglesia Cristo Redentor	166.78	500.14						
Immanuel	175.64	531.42						
Jerusalem	1,762.71	4,226.60						
Killian First	371.90	960.30						

# Welcome

## Pastors & Staff

**Richard Goron**  
Worship Leader  
*Serenity, Albany*

**Coty Hardy**  
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*Bethlehem, Albany*

**DEADLINE FOR  
OCTOBER-NOVEMBER  
NEWSLETTER:  
September 15, 2021**



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

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