



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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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.

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.

Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 8
10 a.m.

Redemption Church
62060 Highway 434, Lacombe

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.

WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER

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.

Annual Meeting

Monday, October 2

First Baptist Church

13220 Broadway Street, Folsom

Preaching: Dr. Josh Ellis, Executive Director
Union Baptist Association, Houston, TX

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Northshore Church News



● **Thompson Road (Slidell)** Vacation Bible School adopted Slidell's Community Christian Concern's summer feeding program called "Feeding Summer Kids." The children ran a very spirited contest between the boys and the girls. Through their own efforts all throughout the week they were able to collect close to a thousand nonperishable food items. These items will help feed children all throughout the

summer. Usually children are able to receive meals throughout the year at area schools, but this program is geared to bridge the gap during the summer months. Pastor Randy Boyett said, "We are so very proud of the children from Thompson Road Baptist church for their concern and generosity."

● **Bethlehem (Albany)** will have **Blessing the Backpacks** on Sunday, August 6, and **Blessing the Team** (Albany football team), Sunday, August 27. **Dr. Joe McKeever** will speak on Sunday, September 17, at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. A **Women's Conference** is planned for September 23, 5-8 p.m. with Cyndi Glascock speaking and Meghan Landry leading worship. Joshua Peeler is pastor.

● **First (Ponchatoula)** Women's Ministry invites all ladies throughout the area to worship God, dive into God's Word, and fellowship together on Saturday, September 23, from 8 a.m. to noon with lunch to follow at **The Great Exchange Women's Conference**. [Click here](#) to register. David Cranford is pastor.

● **New Beulah (Hammond)** will host a pastors' prayer breakfast at New Beulah Baptist Church, Thursday, August 3, at 7 a.m. Contact Pastor Les Fogleman at 985-974-3960 if you plan to attend. Simply text your name and how many is in your group. Future dates are September 7 and October 5. Same time and place. The church is located at 44641 S. Baptist Road, Hammond.

● **First (Covington)** will host Bill Gaither and the Gaither Vocal Band on Sunday, August 6, at 6 p.m. Tickets are available [online](#) ***Young at Heart**, a wonderful program, time of fellowship, and great food for Adults 55+ in the church and community will be held Tuesday, August 15, at 10:30 a.m. in Central Hall. Cost is \$15 (includes lunch). Jeremy Harper will play inspirational music. Registration is required: O or in person at the Information Desk in the Connection Center on Sundays. Deadline to register is noon, Friday, August 11.

***Trail Life and American Heritage Girls Interest Meeting and Registration for 2023-2024** will be held on Tuesday, August 15, at 6 p.m. for families with girls K-12 in ROC 100 at 6:30 p.m. for families with boys age K-8 in ROC 200. ***An Indoor Garage Sale** sponsored by the Sewing and Crafting Servants Ministry of FBC will be held Friday and Saturday, September 8 and 9, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Trinity Church, 19380 N. 10th Street, Covington. Proceeds from the sale will be used to benefit local and foreign missions. Donations can be dropped off Thursday, September 7, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information contact Barb Kallar at 985-630-3812.

***Made to Multiply: Gospel Conversations**, an evangelism training by E3 partners, will be held Thursday, September 9, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. [Register here](#).

***Adults 55+ Fall Celebration** is planned for Tuesday, October 17, in the Worship Center from 10 a.m. to noon featuring Grammy and Dove nominated artist Tim Lovelace. Cost is \$15 (payable at the door) and includes lunch. [Online Registration](#) is REQUIRED. Deadline to register is 4 p.m. Wednesday October 11. Note: The church is required to pay the caterer for all who are registered by the deadline so please contact the church by the deadline if you must cancel. ***Legacy**

Grandparenting Conference Simulcast will be Friday, October 20, 5 to 8:30 p.m., and Saturday, October 21, 8 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$49 now through September 11, \$59 from September 12-October 19, and \$69 at the door. Includes Friday dinner and snacks both days.

Grandparents and expectant grandparents are encouraged to take advantage of this excellent opportunity to learn more about God's plan for them to be intentional influencers for God in the lives of their grandchildren.

For more information or to register go to <https://fbccov.org>. ***An Evening of Worship with Chris Tomlin** with special guest Pat Barrett will be at FBC Thursday, November 9, at 7 p.m. Tickets are available [online](#). Waylon Bailey is pastor.

REGROUP CONFERENCE

Louisiana Baptists' premier training for Sunday School and Small Group Ministry

August 12, 2023
9:00am - 12:00pm

Jefferson Baptist, Baton Rouge

LouisianaBaptists.org/regroup23
Conferencia REGROUP en Español

ShoreLines

By Don Pucik

Associational Mission Strategist

"...besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches." ~ 2 Corinthians 11:28

"Why do we even need an association?" The young pastor meant no offense. He was just being honest. Some of the older pastors shifted uncomfortably in their seats, obviously wishing the younger man hadn't spoken up. As a guest speaker to their association's executive board meeting, I had been asked to talk about new ways Baptists are "associating" as groups of churches.

He was asking the right question! Why should Baptist churches associate with one another?

Associations have been facing the uphill task of adapting to the rapid social and economic changes that have been affecting churches in North America for the last 20 years. The result is that there are multiple approaches to being an association that didn't exist before.



Don Pucik

When most churches shared the same meeting times, music, and ministry design (e.g., Sunday School, Discipleship Training, Brotherhood, WMU etc.), associations worked at providing programmatic support for those shared organizational practices. By being involved with the association, a church could easily acquire support for their weekly ministries. I call this the **Program Support Model** of associationalism – and it is still the most popular – it's the way we've been doing associations since the 1960s.

Recognizing that the one-size-fits-all no longer works when all the churches are using different ministry designs, some associations keep adding support strategies for every new program being used in their churches. This enables the association office to cast itself as a "one stop" resource for their churches. I call this the **Resource Center Model** of associationalism. However, in an age when a simple internet search can yield a wealth of information and practical guidance, churches aren't looking to the association as a primary source of programmatic support. Some do... most don't.

In a sharp move away from the older approaches, some associations have embraced the **Coaching-Consultation Model**, which looks to the associational staff as church consultants, who serve as primary resources for expert counsel, advice, and troubleshooters for every church problem. In the **Regional Priorities Model**, the association facilitates the accomplishment of a set of shared missional priorities by mobilizing churches to work together. In the **Networking Model**, the association works to connect existing resources in the churches with member churches needing those resources.

Truthfully, there is merit to each of these approaches. But when that young pastor asked, "Why do we even need an association?," he was not asking which model for associationalism is the best. **He was asking for a compelling rationale for the very existence of the association.**

Every pastor and serious ministry leader already has one or more networks of friends and ministry colleagues who exchange information and experience. It might be an informal group of friends or a well-organized, affinity-based network of ministries. The reason why you hold those networks in high regard is due to the fact that they contribute in some way to your life and ministry, adding value in some way. You find yourself looking forward to engaging with those networks as frequently as possible, as it typically results in experiences that are both meaningful and beneficial.

Why can't our association be a network like that? I believe it can... and it should!

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ShoreLines

By Don Pucik
Associational Mission Strategist

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During a series of listening sessions conducted from January through May 2023, Northshore leaders gathered to help identify a rationale (a compelling set of purposes) for working together. In effect, they have said “this is the kind of church network that we want to be part of.” What does it look like? Consider the diagram below...



During the coming year, the Northshore leadership will be pursuing the Lord as a team, “test driving” a new associational rationale, and at some point involving you in their work.

Would you like to know more? If you currently serve on our Executive Board, please plan to join us at our next meeting on August 8th at Redemption Church in Lacombe (10:00 am). In addition, churches are encouraged to send messengers to our Annual Meeting, taking place on October 2nd at First Baptist Church of Folsom. During both meetings, we plan to update everyone on what we’ve learned and what our next steps are as a network of Northshore churches.

Please pray for us going forward. We are praying for you. ~ DP

PREPARE HERE CONFERENCE

HOSTED BY: THE JIM HENRY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE AT NOBTS

OCTOBER 12-13, 2023
Servant Leadership in Uncertain Times
FEATURING



JAMIE DEW
President, NOBTS &
Leavell College



ROBBY GALLATY
Pastor, Long
Hollow Church



STEVE GAINES
Pastor, Bellevue Baptist
Church

PANEL DISCUSSION INCLUDING FRED LUTER, JIM HENRY, & MORE



We are excited to announce the first annual **Prepare Here** conference, October 12-13, 2023, at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, hosted by the Jim Henry Leadership Institute. *Servant Leadership in Uncertain Times* targets pastors, church staff, and key church leaders. [Register here](#). **Prepare Here** will feature keynotes by Jamie Dew, Robbie Gallaty, and Steve Gaines; Panel Discussion with Fred Luter, Jim Henry, and Steve Gaines; and three Breakout sessions offering tracks for pastors, church staff and leaders working with students (college & youth) and kids, music/worship, leadership/administration, and women's ministry. Three publicity pieces are attached to this email for your use in promoting the event. Hope to see you there!

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EVERYMAN
CONFERENCE
2023



FIRST
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We proclaim Him, admonishing *every man* and teaching *every man* with all wisdom, so that we may present *every man* complete in Christ. Colossians 1:28
Sessions: A Man & His God / A Man & His wife / A Man & His Kids / A Man & His Word



Date: Saturday, September 16, 2023 from 9am-4pm
Location: First Baptist Church Mandeville
\$25 until September 1, \$35 after September 1
"Man Lunch" and snacks provided

Are you looking for a great kick-off to your fall men's ministry? First, Mandeville, is planning a great one-day conference for your current men and their lost friends. On Saturday, September 16, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at FBC Mandeville, your men will be challenged, and encouraged, enjoy good fellowship, sing with a room full of men, and eat good "man food." Save the date now and register soon.

For any questions contact
Mike Bergeron at mike@fbcmmandeville.org
or Barry Bacon at barrybacon73@yahoo.com

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PASTORS' CONFERENCE
August 14th-15th, 2023

See Page 5 for more information on the
Remind Conference
at Redemption Church, Lacombe



Mark Your Calendar

AUGUST 2023

8 Executive Board Meeting @ Redemption Church, Lacombe, 10 a.m. (see page 1 for details)

SEPTEMBER 2023

4 Labor Day (Northshore Office closed)
10-17 Week of Prayer for Louisiana Missions and Georgia Barnette Louisiana Mission
[For more information](#)

SLU BCM Update

God is faithful... It has certainly been a year of transitions at SLU BCM. Some of the highlights from this past year include:

- Eleven students surrendered their lives to Jesus.
- Evangelism is taking more of a forefront in the ministry.
- More than 30 students have joined our "Go-Group" (a network of students that share the gospel on campus together as they have time between classes).
- More than 20 students are serving in some capacity on mission or in camps this summer.
- We have 17 new leaders in development .
- Students are being equipped to be missionaries in their classrooms, workplace, and living spaces.

What's New

- BCM midweek worship time (Fuse) is moving to Tuesday evening in an attempt to be more accessible for students that live on campus and in nearby apartment complexes.
- New Discipleship groups (spark groups) are being formed for deeper discipleship and relational evangelism.
- Greater partnerships with mission sending agencies like IMB, GenSend, and GOLLA.

How to pray...

- Please pray as we kick off these new endeavors.
- Pray for the students on campus that do not know Jesus, that they would be united with a student that wants to share the gospel with them.
- Pray for additional resources for BCM to be able to make a deeper discipleship imprint on Southeastern's campus.
- Pray for our staff and student leaders, that God would give us wisdom and compassion for the lost.

Joe Luna
SLU BCM Director



PASTORS' CONFERENCE

August 14th-15th, 2023

Redemption Church

62060 Highway 434, Lacombe
www.remindconference.org

Cost of the conference is \$15 for NBA Pastors (\$30 normally). Keynote speaker is Dr. Jim Shaddix, Preaching Professor at SEBTS. For more information contact remind@rclacombe.org or call the church office at 985-882-5682. Pastor Byron Brown says, "The heart and purpose behind this conference is for men who serve as pastors to be *reminded* of the commands that Jesus gave Peter in John 21. His instructions were to *Feed the sheep, Shepherd the sheep, and Follow Him*. As pastors, it is often easy to allow other things to cloud our vision and distract us from these primary objectives. Our prayer is that through biblical teaching, breakout sessions, worship, prayer, and fellowship, each pastor will leave the *Remind Conference* refreshed and ready to *Feed, Shepherd, and Follow* upon returning to his church and home."

Welcome

Pastors & Staff



Jody and Melanie Pittman

Jody Pittman
Pastor
First, Springfield

David Mercer
Youth Pastor
First, Folsom



David Mercer

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	721.90	2,701.71	Killian First	-0-	-0-	Woodhaven	119.00	382.00
Antioch	24.31	68.48	Lee Hill	-0-	-0-	Woodland	587.76	587.76
Bayou	150.00	300.00	Lee Valley	-0-	-0-	Woodland Park	2,163.42	6,997.66
Bedico	1,028.00	3,332.00	Life	-0-	-0-	TOTAL	45,477.93	134,356.11
Bethlehem	800.00	1,868.00	Lighthouse	1,992.00	3,686.48			
Blood River	681.23	1,986.30	Loranger	991.99	3,513.61	Expenditures	45,028.96	127,245.51
Bogue Falaya	713.21	1,474.37	Manchac	-0-	-0-	Church Receipts	45,477.93	134,356.11
Calvary	100.00	250.00	Midway	-0-	-0-	Additional Income	-0-	-0-
Celebration (Cov/Mand)	500.00	1,500.00	Millville	-0-	-0-	Balance		141,409.10
Celebration (Slidell)	500.00	1,500.00	Mt. Calvary	139.48	319.29	Designated Accounts		904,679.93
Coburn	-0-	-0-	Natalbany	722.28	2,098.38			
Collins Blvd.	-0-	300.00	New Beginning	300.00	600.00			
Cornerstone (watchcare)	197.80	197.80	New Beulah	150.60	380.05			
Countryside	-0-	-0-	New Hope	-0-	-0-			
Covenant	200.00	475.00	New Life Community	250.00	625.00			
Creekside	300.00	600.00	New Zion	-0-	1,577.55			
Cristo para Todos	-0-	-0-	Northshore	1,833.34	5,500.02			
Crossbrand	499.10	1,432.66	Northside	429.21	1,557.76			
Crossgate	100.00	100.00	Old Zion Hill	804.72	2,230.64			
Crossroads	1,124.50	3,373.54	Ponchatoula's First	1,626.08	8,953.75			
Ebenezer	482.76	1,439.13	Red Bluff	-0-	510.47			
Emmaus	300.00	300.00	Redemption, Lacombe	200.00	700.00			
Evans Creek	-0-	637.59	Redemption Christian	-0-	-0-			
First, Covington	5,833.34	17,500.02	Ridge Memorial	100.00	100.00			
First, Folsom	1,050.40	3,073.69	River Fellowship	477.07	1,528.45			
First, Hammond	989.13	1,503.17	Serenity	255.12	428.91			
First, Independence	200.00	600.00	Springville	136.02	380.68			
First, Madisonville	-0-	-0-	Still Water	-0-	-0-			
First, Mandeville	2,500.00	7,500.00	SweetWater	311.62	836.82			
First, Pearl River	1,377.43	2,736.48	Tammany Hills	607.18	1,480.27			
First, Slidell	1,566.66	4,699.98	The Bridge	200.00	600.00			
First, Springfield	-0-	196.63	Thompson Road	504.82	1,224.30			
First, Tickfaw	-0-	-0-	Trinity	359.00	2,344.00			
French Corner	1,155.02	1,647.33	True Life	200.00	600.00			
Grace Community	296.75	907.25	Victory	-0-	-0-			
Grace Fellowship	1,044.05	2,141.60	Wardline	-0-	1,000.00			
Grace Hispanic	-0-	-0-	Westside	1,754.15	4,766.35			
Grace Memorial	1,686.00	5,839.00						
Greater St. James	-0-	-0-						
Hebron	600.00	1,800.00						
Iglesia Agua Viva	-0-	-0-						
Iglesia Buenas Nuevas	191.68	583.10						
Iglesia Cristo Redentor	166.68	499.94						
Immanuel	169.56	603.42						
Jerusalem	1,013.56	3,177.62						

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**Week of Prayer
for Louisiana
Missions
and
Georgia Barnette
Louisiana Mission
Offering
September 10-17
Goal: \$1,750,000**



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