



# 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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## Disaster Relief Training

First Baptist Church  
16333 Highway 1085, Covington

Chaplain Training  
February 5-6

Mud-out/Ash-out, Chainsaw,  
Assessment, Shower/Laundry,  
and Feeding  
February 6

For more information and to register go to

<https://louisianabaptists.org/event/disaster-relief-training-covington>

## Don't Miss This!

Mark Your Calendar Now  
September 16, 2021

### REVIVE!

## Christ and His Church

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.

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**ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING**  
FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

North American Mission Board

The mission moves forward

March 7-14  
Week of Prayer for North American Missions

100% of your gifts support North American missionaries

AnnieArmstrong.com

# Northshore Church News

● **Bethlehem (Albany)** will have revival services March 7-10 with some of their previous pastors preaching: Joe Dunn will preach in the Sunday morning service at 10 a.m.; Preston Nix, Sunday night at 5 p.m.; Mike Burns, Monday night; Jason Shawley, Tuesday night; and Alton Foster, Wednesday night. Weeknight services will be at 6 p.m. Also, approximately 40 choir robes are available to a church. They are navy blue with a collar and have gold reversible with white collars for them as well. Pastor is Jason Ogle.



## SBC Annual Meeting June 15-16

Messenger pre-registration and childcare registration open Monday, February 1, for the 2021 SBC Annual Meeting at the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center in Nashville, TN.

<https://sbcannualmeeting.net>

For online hotel registration go to

<https://registration.experientevent.com/ShowSBC211>



## Mark Your Calendar *Northshore Baptist Association*

### FEBRUARY 2021

- 5-6 Disaster Relief Training @ First, Covington (See page 1 for details)
- 19 The Forum (for youth ministers) @ Granberry Conference Center, Louisiana College, Pineville  
<https://louisianabaptists.org/event/forum>
- 22-23 Kid Min Retreat @ FBC Lafayette  
<https://louisianabaptists.org/event/kid-min-retreat/>

### MARCH 2021

- 6 VBS Retreat @ Greenwell Springs Baptist Church <https://louisianabaptists.org/event/2021-vbs-retreat-greenwell-springs/>
- 7-14 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and Week of Prayer for North American Missions  
<https://www.anniearmstrong.com>
- 20 EMBRACE - Annual Meeting of WMU/Women's Ministry (see WMU Happenings on this page for more information)

## WMU Happenings

Our WMU meetings may have to be postponed, but we can still continue in prayer and visitation in new ways. At Bethlehem, I've been typing out our meetings, using the leader guide for plans, then putting the lesson plans and Missions Mosaic magazines in a large yellow envelope, and then take them to my members. I include the word search, picture to color, and other handouts included for that month's meeting. It keeps us connected. We also have a GroupMe page online, where we share our prayer requests and bits of information. It's a great way to stay connected. We've even done handmade Valentines and goody bags, which I delivered to several nursing homes, and they gave them out to their residents. We included our children (Children's Missions Day) in making cards, too. GET CREATIVE in your outreach ideas!! It helps us, and the recipients, to feel needed and loved. We'll bring spring flowers and a card to our elderly church members for the Spring season, leaving them on their front porch or by their door.

Emphasize your WMU by using bulletin boards, brochures, or having the pastor recognize your WMU group in the Sunday service (February 8-14).

On March 8-14, we promote the Week of prayer for NAMB and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Bulletin boards can catch people's attention, and announcements from the pastors help everyone know and give. Our missionaries RELY on these offerings!!!

EMBRACE - our yearly women's conference, will be a one-day event and includes speaker, worship, missionary feature and testimonies. This is a hybrid event (both in-person and on-line) for all women of all



generations and all culture groups. It is designed to help us to realize our God-given value and purpose as we grow in Christ. The event centers on Bible study, worship, missions, missions education and discipleship. General Sessions will be live and in-person on Saturday, March 20, at First Baptist Church, Pineville. Lunch will be served at the church. The event will be live-streamed to those unable to come in-person.

Breakout conferences will be online at <https://LouisianaBaptists.org/event/2021-embrace/>. Breakout conferences will go live on Monday, March 22, at noon and will be available to paid participants through Friday, April 30. It will be live-streamed, with broadcast on Monday, March 22. I'll send a card thru our missions office email when I get it. Also, follow the developments of the WMU website and on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1595838627163388>. There will be a mailed promo coming later from WMU. Keep on keepin' on, and trust in the good Lord.

God bless,  
Janice Cowart,  
Associational WMU Director

Numerous Church Planting events are on the LBC calendar. For more information go to <https://louisianabaptists.org/churchplanting/>



# ShoreLines

By Don Pucik

*Associational Mission Strategist*

Are you ready for things to get back to “normal”? You’re not alone. The pandemic has disrupted every aspect of our lives. If the situation doesn’t improve in 2021, we know what to do — more of the same things we’ve been doing for the past year!

But what if the virus “retreats” over the next few months? What if social distancing and face masks were no longer necessary?



**Don Pucik**

When in-person worship gatherings resume with no restrictions, are there ways we can reconnect with those members who chose to stay home?  
How will we connect with our community in a post-COVID world?  
How should we be preparing now for the “new normal”?  
What should be our first steps?

I believe the Lord Jesus already has a way forward for each of our churches in coming months. I also believe that He has already given each church (and our association of churches) all the gifts and resources we need to do everything He has called us to do in 2021. Over the next few months, we are going to explore new ways to make those training and consultation resources available to you and your church.

But before we “return to church,” we need to individually and collectively return to Him. Apart from Him, we can do nothing... in order to bear fruit in a post-COVID world we desperately need His guidance and power. Every step should be birthed in prayer and bathed in prayer. We need Him!

Following Peter’s confession that Jesus was the Son of God, Jesus said, “... *and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.*” ~ Matthew 16:15-18

Did you catch that? Jesus said that HE would build His church. The building (or rebuilding) of the church is not on you and me. Are we prepared to trust Jesus to do what He promised? Will we yield to His authority over the church in a fresh way? Will we seek His direction in every step we take?

He also promised that the gates of hell will not stop the forward movement of the church! When He is in charge, the tide will turn in the spiritual warfare surrounding your community. Satan’s efforts to keep people blind to the truth will fail. Souls will be saved and lives will be changed.

The “gates” of the Enemy are still standing in much of the Northshore. That’s not what He has in mind for us when we are able to return to our gatherings. We need a new normal don’t we?

Lord Jesus come and take your rightful place among us. Let’s seek Him together this spring.

Yours in His Fields,

Don Pucik, Mission Strategist  
Northshore Baptist Association

*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.**

	Nov-Dec	YTD		Nov-Dec	YTD		Nov-Dec	YTD
Albany First	807.89	5,039.62	Killian First	-0-	1,834.61	True Life	200.00	1,200.00
Antioch	34.59	166.48	Lee Hill	-0-	-0-	Victory	-0-	-0-
Bayou	100.00	650.00	Lee Valley	-0-	-0-	Wadesboro	-0-	-0-
Bedico	703.00	4,993.12	Life	-0-	-0-	Wardline	400.00	3,300.00
Bethlehem	776.00	4,366.00	Lighthouse	677.00	1,541.00	Westside	929.67	5,767.39
Blood River	632.52	3,467.54	Loranger	1,052.67	6,620.12	Woodhaven	118.00	628.00
Bogue Falaya	601.38	3,886.69	Louisiana	-0-	-0-	Woodland	-0-	1,123.83
Boots N Saddles	-0-	140.75	Manchac	-0-	-0-	Woodland Park	2,861.34	14,973.67
Calvary	200.00	1,200.00	Mandeville's First	5,932.56	16,834.44	TOTAL	38,809.90	250,654.81
Celebration (Cov/Mand)	500.00	2,550.00	Midway	-0-	-0-			
Celebration (Slidell)	500.00	2,550.00	Millville	-0-	722.51	Expenditures	44,617.20	255,368.55
Coburn	-0-	-0-	Mt. Calvary	61.54	472.40	Church Receipts	38,809.90	250,654.81
Collins Blvd.	150.00	600.00	Natalbany	-0-	1,776.15	Additional Income	-0-	70.00
Countryside	75.00	300.00	New Beginning	150.00	750.00	Payroll Protection Plan	-0-	30,250.00
Covenant	25.00	265.00	New Beulah	221.10	1,670.39	Balance		109,828.32
Creekside	-0-	900.00	New Hope	-0-	-0-	Designated Accounts		733,091.98
Cristo para Todos	-0-	-0-	New Life Community	250.00	1,524.00			
Crossbrand	-0-	1,479.54	New Zion	3,975.43	16,868.43			
Crossgate	50.00	100.00	Northshore	1,670.00	10,020.00			
Crossroads	1,119.78	6,718.68	Northside	536.85	2,957.89			
Ebenezer	644.34	2,585.25	Old Zion Hill	611.23	3,689.16			
Emmaus	-0-	-0-	Ponchatoula's First	-0-	14,083.87			
Evans Creek	432.29	1,909.02	Red Bluff	-0-	820.53			
First, Covington	2,200.00	24,333.34	Redemption, Lacombe	200.00	1,300.00			
First, Folsom	430.75	5,286.15	Redemption Christian	-0-	-0-			
First, Hammond	130.54	1,397.30	Ridge Memorial	50.00	225.00			
First, Independence	200.00	1,699.12	River Fellowship	596.80	1,930.03			
First, Madisonville	-0-	-0-	Serenity	54.47	304.44			
First, Pearl River	-0-	3,390.85	Springville	223.00	600.00			
First, Slidell	1,566.66	9,399.96	Still Water	-0-	-0-			
First, Springfield	82.27	761.40	Tammany Hills	559.66	2,406.94			
First, Tickfaw	120.84	2,008.43	The Bridge	100.00	1,350.00			
French Corner	164.08	1,716.96	The Field Church	200.00	1,200.00			
Grace	-0-	15.25	Thompson Road	467.43	3,079.93			
Grace Community	-0-	218.40	Trinity	562.00	3,535.18			
Grace Fellowship	743.89	7,027.68						
Grace Hispanic	-0-	11.61						
Grace Memorial	899.00	10,629.16						
Greater St. James	-0-	-0-						
Hebron	600.00	3,600.00						
Iglesia Agua Viva	-0-	69.39						
Iglesia Buenas Nuevas	163.66	816.86						
Iglesia Cristo Redentor	153.70	1,026.45						
Immanuel	174.74	1,087.40						
Jerusalem	1,167.23	7,181.50						

# Welcome

## Pastors & Staff

**John Deris**  
 Music Leader  
*New Beulah, Hammond*

**Noah Cox**  
 Youth & Worship Leader  
*First, Folsom*

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

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