



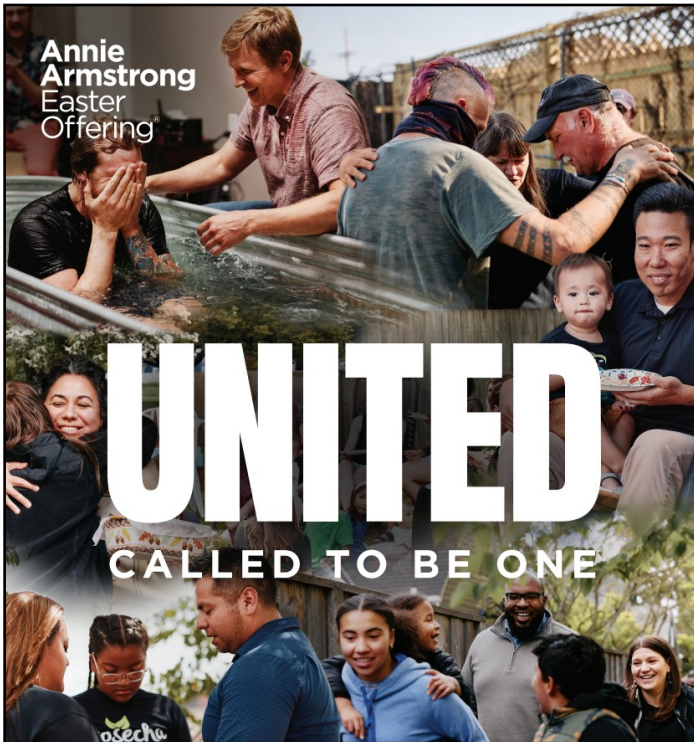
THE ANCHOR

"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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Week of Prayer for North American Missions

and

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

March 5-12

2023 Goal: \$70 million

[Resources - Annie Armstrong Easter Offering](#)



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

Disaster Relief Training

Saturday, March 18

First Baptist Church

16333 Highway 1085, Covington

— Schedule —

7:30–8:30 Registration/Coffee and Donuts

8:30–11:00 Mud-Out/Ash-Out, Chainsaw Part 1,
Assessment, & Chaplain Basic Part 1

11:00–11:45 Basic Intro SBDR

11:45–12:30 Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

12:30–1:00 Intro to Rebuild

1:00–3:30 Mud-out/Ash-out, Chainsaw Part 2,
Assessment, Shower-Laundry, Feeding, &
Chaplain Basic Part 2

**Chainsaw and Chaplain attendees must take Part 1 and Part 2 of the corresponding course.*

— Classes available —

- Intro to Basic
- Chaplain
- Feeding
- Mudout/Ashout
- Shower/Laundry
- Assessment
- Chainsaw
- Intro to Rebuild

— Cost —

- **New Volunteer: \$35.00** (shirt, hat, badge, and background check)
- **Renewal: \$15.00** (background and badge)
- **Cross Training: FREE**
- **Chaplain: \$35.00** (shirt, hat, badge, and background check)

Breakfast will be donuts and coffee.

Lunch will also be provided.

[Disaster Relief Training - Covington - Louisiana](#)



Mark Your Calendar

Northshore Baptist Association

FEBRUARY 2023

- 6-7 2023 KidMin Retreat @ First, Natchitoches <https://louisianabaptists.org/event/2023-kidmin-retreat>
- 10-11 Pause Weekend for Pastors and Wives @ Tall Timbers Baptist Conference Center <https://louisianabaptists.org/event/pause-weekend-for-pastors-and-wives>
- 10-11 CEC 2023—Together: A Conference on Relationships @ Louisiana Christian University <https://louisianabaptists.org/event/cec-2023-together>
- 16 People Group Engage, Alexandria <https://louisianabaptists.org/event/people-group-engagement-alexandria/>
- 24 The Forum @ Baptist Building, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. <https://labaptistyouth.com/forum/>
- 27 I-12 Replant Ready @ The Way Church, Denham Springs <https://louisianabaptists.org/event/i-12-replant-ready-2>

MARCH 2023

- 2-4 Enlace Global @ Tall Timbers Conference Center <https://louisianabaptists.org/event/enlace-global>
- 4 2023 KinMin Expo (South) @ Greenwell Springs Baptist Church, Baton Rouge <https://louisianabaptists.org/event/2023-kidmin-expo-south>
- 5-12 Week of Prayer for North American Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. See Page 1 for details.
- 18 Disaster Relief Training @ First, Covington. See Page 1 for details.
- 18 Made to Multiply @ Bedico Baptist Church, Ponchatoula <https://louisianabaptists.org/event/made-to-multiply-ponchatoula-2>
- 31 Senior Fest @ NOBTS <https://louisianabaptists.org/event/senior-fest>
- 31-April 1 RA Congress @ Tall Timbers Conference Center <https://louisianabaptists.org/event/ra-congress>

Northshore Church News

●**First (Pearl River)** will have revival services March 5-8 at 6:00 nightly. Pastor is Kyle Pieri.

●**Midway (Ponchatoula)** will host Greg Sullivan Ministries on Sunday, March 26, at 10:30 a.m. He will present the gospel in music and testimony. Everyone is invited. Jimmy Wall is pastor.

●**Ridge Memorial (Slidell)** pastor Paul Dabdoub says, “The church has been going through some sickness with the membership. On Sundays, the attendance has been in shifts. However, our people seem to be getting over the crud and attendance is almost back to normal. We are thankful for many visitors lately. They tell us they love the church. For that, we are thankful. Slidell Baptist Seminary is gaining many new students. We have close to 5000 students. The church is excited to know a small church can reach so many people and help prepare men and women for whatever God calls them to do. This year's national graduation will be held at the church on Sunday, June 4.”

●**First (Covington)** Adults 55+ Spring Celebration will be Tuesday, March 21, in the Worship Center beginning at 10 a.m. and concluding with lunch at noon. Cost is \$10 (payable at the door and includes lunch). Southern gospel music will be provided by Terry Blackwood, former lead singer of *The Imperials*. ONLINE REGISTRATION is REQUIRED at <https://fbccov.org/adults-55>. 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. All adults 55+ are invited to this fun celebration. The deadline to register or cancel is Wednesday, March 15.

***True Girl Pajama Party Tour**, a mother-daughter (ages 7-12) event, is coming to FBC on Thursday, March 2, 6:30 to 9 p.m. in the worship center. General admission is \$19 and group price is \$15. Premium and VIP tickets are also available. For tickets go to <https://MyTrueGirl.com>. ***Yes, We Can** Special Needs Family Fest & Expo will be held on Saturday, April 1, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free to families. Waylon Bailey is pastor.

●**Eastside (Ponchatoula)** will have a garage sale on Saturday, February 4, to help pay for repairs to their roof. Darryl Woolery will preach on Sunday, February 5. A potluck dinner will be held on Sunday, February 19. Ernest Breaux is pastor.



Chuck & Anita Stewart

Welcome

Pastors & Staff

Chuck Stewart

Pastor
Jerusalem, Hammond

Jacob Wubben

Pastoral Intern
SweetWater, Abita Springs



Jacob Wubben

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By Don Pucik

Associational Mission Strategist

*Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?" But this He said to test him... **John 6:5-6***

Philip was stunned. Jesus was asking where to get the food for thousands of people. Immediately his mind didn't go to "where" to get it, but to "how much" it would cost: "*Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little.*"

Overhearing Jesus' question to Philip, Andrew added, "*There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?*" Andrew's mind went to available resources.

John writing years later about the incident describes Jesus's question as a "test." But what was the test? To see who could whip out their iPhone and locate the nearest market? To see who could most quickly calculate the cost? To see who could conduct a speedy inventory of personal resources and accounts?

Not even close.

Jesus has been preaching, teaching, and healing – both proclaiming the ruling power of God and demonstrating it – sowing absolute truth into their minds. Now presented with an impossible situation, Philip must apply what he has been taught.

The test exposed Philip's thought life under stress. We say we are trusting Him, but our thoughts tell the story. Under pressure and experiencing anxiety, Philip's mind didn't run to the Father who is a King with unlimited resources and power. He stopped at the walls erected by a worldview that believes more in what is seen and rarely ventures beyond to rest in the unseen, almighty God.

The Old Testament is full of examples of kings who failed to trust God when confronted with vastly superior military threats. They ran and forged alliances with other nations, placing their faith in a visible resource for deliverance. Repeatedly, God allowed His people to discover the hard way that He is our rock, our hiding place, and our refuge amid overwhelming problems. They were being tested.

The mature disciple doesn't ignore a problem. He is intensely aware of the needs. He can see that his immediate resources are inadequate. But the distinct difference within the mature Christian mind is this: he seeks first the kingdom – or ruling power – of God. His mind escapes the confines of a Western worldview... and runs to the absolute authority and infinite resources of the one Jesus called "Father."

Jesus simply took what was available, lifted it up to His Father, and said "thank you." And everything changed.

When tested, the problem-solving disciple has disciplined his mind to go first to the Father with the problem. Only in His Presence can we see the truth about ourselves and our problems. ~ DP

*The name of the LORD is a strong tower;
the righteous run to it and are safe.*

Proverbs 18:10



Don Pucik

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	828.28	4,864.34	Lee Valley	-0-	-0-	Woodhaven	131.00	855.00
Antioch	19.71	182.58	Life	-0-	-0-	Woodland	-0-	695.32
Bayou	100.00	650.00	Lighthouse	-0-	1,136.82	Woodland Park	2,649.80	13,935.84
Bedico	2,600.00	7,596.19	Loranger	1,169.74	6,798.52	Eastside (watchcare)	173.81	173.81
Bethlehem	577.00	4,427.00	Manchac	-0-	-0-	TOTAL	44,601.93	276,116.27
Blood River	725.13	3,953.79	Mandeville's First	2,500.00	15,000.00			
Bogue Falaya	769.74	3,280.90	Midway	-0-	-0-	Expenditures	46,716.85	252,120.17
Calvary	200.00	1,200.00	Millville	-0-	1,006.00	Church Receipts	44,601.93	276,116.27
Celebration (Cov/Mand)	500.00	3,000.00	Mt. Calvary	85.39	554.51	Additional Income	-0-	30.28
Celebration (Slidell)	500.00	3,000.00	Natalbany	1,293.53	8,108.43	Balance		134,298.50
Coburn	-0-	-0-	New Beginning	300.00	1,200.00	Designated Accounts		899,659.15
Collins Blvd.	-0-	600.00	New Beulah	113.25	990.25			
Countryside	-0-	-0-	New Hope	-0-	-0-			
Covenant	225.00	650.00	New Life Community	375.00	1,625.00			
Creekside	300.00	1,200.00	New Zion	2,284.11	16,109.79			
Cristo para Todos	-0-	-0-	Northshore	1,833.34	11,000.04			
Crossbrand	399.68	2,397.38	Northside	159.99	2,463.72			
Crossgate	100.00	600.00	Old Zion Hill	1,243.35	3,417.00			
Crossroads	1,122.14	6,721.04	Ponchatoula's First	1,545.48	16,812.16			
Ebenezer	367.32	2,638.96	Red Bluff	-0-	1,785.98			
Emmaus	-0-	300.00	Redemption, Lacombe	100.00	1,100.00			
Evans Creek	-0-	1,617.05	Redemption Christian	-0-	-0-			
First, Covington	5,000.00	29,666.67	Ridge Memorial	-0-	75.00			
First, Folsom	1,490.94	7,496.66	River Fellowship	449.84	2,987.76			
First, Hammond	-0-	2,044.52	Serenity	-0-	409.02			
First, Independence	200.00	1,200.00	Springville	165.80	835.92			
First, Madisonville	-0-	-0-	Still Water	-0-	-0-			
First, Pearl River	1,370.61	6,589.51	SweetWater	422.86	1,490.00			
First, Slidell	1,566.66	9,399.96	Tammany Hills	211.97	3,232.52			
First, Springfield	39.47	681.24	The Bridge	200.00	1,300.00			
First, Tickfaw	-0-	-0-	The Field Church	-0-	325.00			
French Corner	310.52	2,299.00	Thompson Road	446.99	3,195.04			
Grace Community	-0-	842.07	Trinity	322.00	4,228.00			
Grace Fellowship	1,045.85	4,416.11	True Life	300.00	1,300.00			
Grace Hispanic	-0-	-0-	Victory	-0-	-0-			
Grace Memorial	2,115.00	12,393.00	Wardline	400.00	3,500.00			
Greater St. James	-0-	300.00	Westside	1,435.07	7,386.73			
Hebron	600.00	3,600.00						
Iglesia Agua Viva	-0-	7.64						
Iglesia Buenas Nuevas	135.44	1,021.66						
Iglesia Cristo Redentor	83.32	499.85						
Immanuel	86.02	1,035.22						
Jerusalem	911.78	6,313.82						
Killian First	-0-	2,396.93						
Lee Hill	-0-	-0-						

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