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"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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REVIVE! Christ and His Church

Mark Your Calendar Now
September 16, 2021

9 a.m.– 3 p.m.

First Baptist Church

16333 Highway 1085, Covington

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.

More Details to Come

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.



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

Host: Pastors and Staff of Bedico Baptist Church and FBC Mandeville in Partnership with Northshore Baptist Association. **Cost:** \$10 per person/max \$150 per church, \$20 with/Book Bundle (Book Bundle includes: *Breathing Life into Sunday School: 12 Essentials to Revive your Most Important Ministry*, *Building a Disciplemaking Ministry - The Timeless Principles of Arthur Flake for Sunday School and Small Group*, *Together: the Power of Groups, and Discipleship Pathway*).

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Northshore Church News

•**First (Ponchatoula)** will have their *Annual Patriotic Celebration 2021* on Sunday, June 27, at 8:15 and 9:30 a.m. There will be patriotic music, a tribute to the armed forces, and a message of encouragement and hope. Everyone is invited. Chip Vickers is music pastor and David Cranford is pastor.

•**Ridge Memorial (Slidell)** announced the National Graduation of Slidell Baptist Seminary, scheduled for June 6, has been postponed due to Covid and issues with social distancing. It is hoped the graduation can be rescheduled in October depending on Covid changes, hopefully for the better. Pastor Paul Dabdoub says, "The Lord continues to bless Ridge Memorial. We have started back Sunday School at 10 a.m.. The church continues to meet once a week at 11 a.m. on Sundays for the morning service." On May 19, Bro. Paul celebrated 30 years as pastor at Ridge Memorial.

•**Jerusalem (Hammond)** has two positions available. 1) Associate Pastor of Worship and Students. The Associate Pastor of Worship and Students will have oversight of the worship and student ministries of JBC. In terms of worship, the Associate Pastor will lead congregational worship services, working with the praise team and musicians. The student ministry involves oversight of ministry programs for children through college, with primary teaching responsibilities being with the youth (7-12 grade). The position will be close to full time, with housing on church property available. Requirements: A sense of calling to serve in a Southern Baptist Church, with a particular passion and desire to lead worship and work with students in a local church. Some ministry experience is preferable. Some seminary education or willingness to pursue further training is preferable. 2) **Church Secretary/Receptionist.** This position is for a part-time Church Secretary and Receptionist (app. 12-15/hrs. per week). Basic word processing, publishing, writing, and copying skills needed. Some experience in a church setting (paid or volunteer) is preferred. Contact Dr. Phil Weaver, Senior Pastor, at 985.507.4577 or dr.phillipweaver@gmail.com.

•**First (Folsom)** is planning a Women's Summer Social on Saturday, June 26. Will Robbins is pastor.

•**Serenity (Tickfaw)** is looking for a worship leader to lead contemporary and old gospel Baptist hymns. The position offers a small salary. For more information call 985.351.1656. Keith Wagner is pastor.

•**Immanuel (Hammond)** is seeking a financial administrator. The position is a flex schedule consisting of 20-25 hours per week. Knowledge of ASC Church Management Software preferred, but if needed, training will be provided. For further information about this ministry position, please call Immanuel Baptist Church at 985-542-4057. Mark Goree is pastor.

•**First (Slidell) 55+ Group** will travel to Bellingrath Gardens on Wednesday, June 2, for lunch and a day trip to the gardens. The cost is \$12.50 per person with lunch at an additional cost. Church vans will leave at 9 a.m. **Summer Kids Day Kamp** will be June 1 through July 16 for ages 2 to 13 years old. Parents can pick what weeks and days that they would like their children to attend. Contact the church office for registration information. The Ladies Ministry will host a **Ladies Night of Worship** Friday, June 18, from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Worship Center. There will be worship and fellowship time along with video sessions from 2021 IF Gathering. Pastor is Casey Stark.

•**Trinity (Hammond)** will have His KIDS Day Camp, a special needs ministry for ages 10-25, July 26-30, 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Christie Williamson, 985.320.1091, is director. Pastor is Avery Dixon.

•**Bayou (Slidell)** wants to purchase two 1991 large print Baptist Hymnals. If you can help please contact Pastor Frank Treme at 985.788.0618.

It's Time for VBS

June 4-6: Loranger (Loranger) June 4, 6-8 p.m., June 5, 3-5:30 p.m. with a Celebration Program Sunday, June 6 at 11 a.m. Preregister at www.lorangerbaptistchurch.com.

June 6-10: Ebenezer (Hammond) 5:30-8:00 p.m. Theme: Wonder World Fun Fest. Age 4 through completed 6th grade. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/ebcvbs2021>

June 7-10: Collins Blvd (Covington) 5:30-8:00 p.m. in the tent. Theme: "O Come Let Us Adore Him". Age 5-teens.

June 7-11: Bethlehem (Albany) 8:30-11:30 a.m. Theme: Concrete & Cranes. Age 4 (by December 31, 2021) through 5th grade.

June 7-11: First (Folsom)

June 7-11: Grace Memorial (Slidell) 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Theme: Destination Dig

June 7-11: First (Ponchatoula) 8:30 a.m.

June 13-18: First (Tickfaw) 6:00-8:15 p.m. PreK- 6th grade

June 21-25: Trinity (Hammond) 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Completed K – 6th Grade

July 18-22: First (Slidell) 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Family Day on Sunday, July 25. Call 985-643-3456 or go to www.fbcslidell.org for more information and to register.

Theme: Destination Dig: Unearthing the Truth About Jesus".

July 26-30: Mandeville First

Thank You

Thank you for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it is greatly appreciated. It will always be remembered by the family of Martha Mann Johnston (Don's mother-in-law).

We're grateful for your prayers and words of comfort.

Blessings,

Don and Gail Pucik

ShoreLines

By Don Pucik

Associational Mission Strategist

As you read this, there is a pastor near you who is “on call” every day of the week. He pours his heart into his sermon preparation, but no one seems to notice. He visits the sick, but someone is telling him he does not visit enough. Someone else is asking him what he does with all of his “free time” during the week. The church isn’t growing. He feels like he is failing in every area of his work. There is a deep sadness rising in his soul. The joy is gone, and he thinks frequently about quitting. He is losing the heart of his kids. He rarely gets to spend time with his wife.



Don Pucik

Too many pastors are living this story every week. Your pastor is in danger. Here are two simple ways you can encourage your pastor TODAY!.

1. Cover your pastor with prayer. When teaching on spiritual warfare, Paul urges us to bathe all we do in prayer, and to intercede for “all the saints” (Eph. 6:18). Everyone needs someone praying for them, and your pastor is no exception. He is a primary target of the enemy, who wants to exploit every weakness and magnify every failure.

Include him in your prayers at home and as the Lord brings him to mind during your day. Call or text him, letting him know when you have lifted him up. Your pastor prays with others almost daily, but how many people stop to place a hand on his shoulder and pray for him? Drop by or schedule a brief visit during the week for the sole purpose of praying for him directly.

2. Share with your pastor how God is using him. In addition to the time-consuming activities of visiting, counseling, and planning, your pastor spends countless hours preparing to preach and teach God’s Word each week. As members leave the building on Sunday, it’s easy for him to wonder “*is God using me?*” Pastors need encouragement.

While it’s true that happy people don’t complain, they should speak up! Let your pastor know how God is using him in your life. Text him at the end of a long Sunday and tell him what you saw God doing through him. Discuss his messages with him, taking time to share what God is teaching you through his preaching. Your specific and personal words of encouragement will be deeply felt and long remembered by your pastor.

Great pastors of healthy, growing churches never get “there” by themselves. God always uses some special church members to support, encourage, and protect that pastor. Are you part of that group?

Don Pucik, Mission Strategist
Northshore Baptist Association



Mark Your Calendar Northshore Baptist Association

JUNE 2021

- 15-16 Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting
<https://sbcannualmeeting.net>
20 Father's Day
26 English as a Second Language Workshop (online Zoom)
See this page for details.

JULY 2021

- 4 Independence Day
5 Northshore Office Closed (Independence Day)
19-20 Childhood Education Workshop (CEW) South at
First, Covington. *See this page for details.*

Several children and youth camps are on the LBC calendar for June and July.

For more information go to the following links:
<https://louisianabaptists.org/events/month/2021-06/>
<https://louisianabaptists.org/events/month/2021-07/>

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

WMU Happenings

So glad we can now meet in our WMU groups! Now would be a good time to use the celebration theme, or even a bright Spring theme for our meetings. Our state WMU is sponsoring a regional workshop, "Women Who Lead", on Saturday, August 21, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Woodland Park Baptist Church, Hammond. This is for all our women who lead WMU, or other ladies ministry group leaders, in their churches. I'll pass along more information as I get it. It's a great learning experience for us all.

Also, starting this year, our WMU church data reports won't be collected as in previous years. So, please complete and return your church information to: Women's Missions & Ministry, P.O. Box 311, Alexandria, LA 71309. If you didn't get the forms in the mail you can find them on-line at www.LouisianaBaptists.org/WMU report. Scan the forms and email them to: WMU@LouisianaBaptists.org. Please return them by August 1, 2021.

Let's advertise and get excited about our women on mission groups in our churches. We need to lead out on ministry needs in our churches.

In Service for Christ,
Janice Cowart,
Your Associational WMU Director

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.

English as a Second Language

ESL

Saturday, June 26
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The training is a hybrid workshop designed to equip church volunteers to teach English as a Second Language (ESL) as a mission outreach program. The Saturday training will be online via Zoom. Participants will also have 3 offline assignments to complete. Most church members can participate since trainers can teach conversational English without knowing other languages. ESL is a great opportunity to reach the world at our doorstep! Contact Shannon Brown for more information, or to register and receive the Zoom link:

504shannonbrown@gmail.com or 504.345.5208

<https://louisianabaptists.org/event/esl-online-workshop-june/>



Childhood Education Workshop (CEW)

July 19-20

First Baptist Church

16333 Highway 1085, Covington

<https://louisianabaptists.org/event/2021-childhood-education-workshop-cew-south/>



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

	Mar-Apr	YTD		Mar-Apr	YTD		Mar-Apr	YTD
Albany First	717.80	1,325.97	Lee Hill	-0-	-0-	True Life	200.00	400.00
Antioch	35.67	50.51	Lee Valley	-0-	-0-	Victory	-0-	-0-
Bayou	100.00	200.00	Life	-0-	-0-	Wadesboro	-0-	-0-
Bedico	876.00	1,650.00	Lighthouse	-0-	-0-	Wardline	-0-	600.00
Bethlehem	358.00	1,160.00	Loranger	1,413.05	2,537.80	Westside	983.64	1,928.21
Blood River	524.64	965.32	Louisiana	-0-	-0-	Woodhaven	119.00	176.00
Bogue Falaya	601.38	1,503.45	Manchac	-0-	-0-	Woodland	-0-	-0-
Boots N Saddles	-0-	-0-	Mandeville's First	2,500.00	5,000.00	Woodland Park	2,434.35	4,570.16
Calvary	200.00	400.00	Midway	-0-	-0-	TOTAL	41,533.47	83,695.84
Celebration (Cov/Mand)	500.00	1,000.00	Millville	-0-	-0-			
Celebration (Slidell)	500.00	1,000.00	Mt. Calvary	85.79	201.51	Expenditures	41,533.47	83,695.84
Coburn	-0-	-0-	Natalbany	3,409.58	3,409.58	Church Receipts	47,653.13	89,392.43
Collins Blvd.	-0-	150.00	New Beginning	150.00	150.00	Additional Income	-0-	-0-
Countryside	75.00	75.00	New Beulah	162.84	222.45	Balance		115,524.91
Covenant	-0-	50.00	New Hope	-0-	-0-	Designated Accounts		729,180.79
Creekside	300.00	700.00	New Life Community	250.00	375.00			
Cristo para Todos	-0-	-0-	New Zion	3,565.75	5,011.11			
Crossbrand	351.44	835.84	Northshore	1,750.00	3,500.00			
Crossgate	100.00	150.00	Northside	263.47	718.84			
Crossroads	1,119.78	2,239.56	Old Zion Hill	877.48	1,696.54			
Ebenezer	655.57	859.81	Ponchatoula's First	2,987.03	7,360.16			
Emmaus	-0-	-0-	Red Bluff	404.78	1,114.51			
Evans Creek	608.00	608.00	Redemption, Lacombe	100.00	300.00			
First, Covington	4,333.34	8,666.68	Redemption Christian	-0-	-0-			
First, Folsom	372.53	1,531.93	Ridge Memorial	-0-	50.00			
First, Hammond	389.73	862.20	River Fellowship	-0-	311.88			
First, Independence	200.00	400.00	Serenity	158.16	249.19			
First, Madisonville	-0-	-0-	Springville	-0-	83.70			
First, Pearl River	-0-	-0-	Still Water	-0-	-0-			
First, Slidell	1,566.66	3,133.32	Tammany Hills	503.34	748.21			
First, Springfield	242.84	686.27	The Bridge	200.00	500.00			
First, Tickfaw	605.24	789.08	The Field Church	300.00	600.00			
French Corner	192.52	685.58	Thompson Road	506.18	1,223.07			
Grace Community	-0-	390.40	Trinity	627.00	1,078.00			
Grace Fellowship	1,216.85	1,523.70						
Grace Hispanic	-0-	3.58						
Grace Memorial	4,371.00	6,439.00						
Greater St. James	-0-	-0-						
Hebron	900.00	1,200.00						
Iglesia Agua Viva	-0-	-0-						
Iglesia Buenas Nuevas	144.32	299.88						
Iglesia Cristo Redentor	166.68	333.36						
Immanuel	176.93	355.78						
Jerusalem	1,199.77	2,463.89						
Killian First	-0-	588.40						

Welcome

Pastors & Staff

Scott Cooksey
Pastor
Blood River, Albany

Stephen Kessler
Student Ministry Director
Grace Memorial, Slidell

Walker Marsh
Counseling Ministry Director
Grace Memorial, Slidell

**DEADLINE FOR
AUGUST-SEPTEMBER
NEWSLETTER:
July 15, 2021**



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