



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." 1 Corinthians 15:58 (NIV)

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NO. 3

It's Time for VBS

May 31-June 3: Blood River (Albany) - 6-8 p.m.

Ages: Pre-K 3 through 6th grade. Theme: Keepers of the Kingdom. [Registration](#). 225-567-3629.

June 4-9: Thompson Road (Slidell) - 6-8:15 p.m.

Theme: Twist & Turns: Following Jesus Changes the Game. 985-690-6077.

June 5-9: Bethlehem (Albany) - 8:30-11:30 a.m. Ages: 3 through 5th grade. 225-567-3666.

June 5-9: Evans Creek (Pearl River) - 5:30-8 p.m.

Theme: Exodus - Salvation in the Lamb. [Registration](#).

June 5-9: First (Folsom) - 8:30 a.m.-noon. Theme:

Ready, Set, Move. Ages: 5 years through 5th grade. [Registration](#).

June 5-9: First (Ponchatoula) - 8:30 a.m.-12 noon. For

Ages: Pre-K through completed 6th grade. Theme: Twist & Turns: Following Jesus Changes the Game.

[Registration](#).

June 5-9: Grace Memorial (Slidell) - 9 a.m.-12:30

p.m. Ages: Completed Kindergarten through 6th grade.

Theme: Twist & Turns: Following Jesus Changes the Game. [Registration](#).

June 5-9: Woodland Park (Hammond) - 5:30-8 p.m.

Theme: Twist & Turns: Following Jesus Changes the Game. [Registration](#).

June 6-8: First (Covington) - 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Ages: Completed kindergarten through 6th grade.

Theme: Twist & Turns: Following Jesus Changes the Game. [Registration](#).

June 7-9: Natalbany (Natalbany) - 5:30-8 p.m. Ages:

3 years through 5th grade. Theme: Ready, Set, Move. [Registration](#).

June 11-15: Bogue Falaya (Folsom) - 6-8 p.m. Theme:

Jerusalem Marketplace. [Registration](#).

June 11-15: Ebenezer (Hammond) - 5:30-8 p.m.

Ages: 4 years old through completed 6th grade. Theme:

Stellar - Shine Jesus' Light. [Registration](#).

June 12-15: Collins Blvd. (Covington) - 6-8:15 p.m. A

light meal will be served at 6 for children ages 6-12. 985-892-2376.

June 12-16: Old Zion Hill (Independence) - 5:30-8:30

p.m. Ages: PreK 4 through 6th grade (enrolled by grade

just completed). Theme: Twist & Turns: Following

Jesus Changes the Game. [Registration](#).

June 12-16: Woodland (Springfield) - 6-8:30 p.m.

Theme: Twist & Turns: Following Jesus Changes the Game. [Registration](#).

June 19-23: First (Hammond) - 5:30-8 p.m. Theme:

Twist & Turns: Following Jesus Changes the Game. [Registration](#).

June 19-23: Redemption (Lacombe) - 6-8:30 p.m.

Ages: 5 to completed 6th grade. Theme: Twist & Turns: Following Jesus Changes the Game. [Registration](#).

June 19-23: Trinity (Hammond) - 9 a.m.-12 noon.

Theme: Stellar—Shine Jesus' Light. [Registration](#).

June 19-23: Westside (Ponchatoula) - 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Theme: Twist & Turns: Following Jesus Changes the Game. [Registration](#).

June 25-29: Red Bluff (Folsom) - 6-8:15 p.m. Ages: 4

(by June 25) through completed 5th grade. Concurrent parents' classes also offered. [Registration](#).

June 26-30: First (Mandeville) - 9 a.m.-12 noon.

Ages: Entering Kindergarten through entering 6th

grade. Theme: Stellar—Shine Jesus' Light.

[Registration](#).

June 26-30: First (Pearl River) - 9 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

985-863-3363.

July 9-13: Bedico (Ponchatoula) - 6-8:30 p.m. Ages:

Preschool to 6th grade. Registration is required.

[Registration at the end of June](#). 985-845-3417.

July 9-13: First (Slidell) - 5:30-8 p.m. Ages: Children

completing PreK 4s to 6th grade. Theme: Twist &

Turns: Following Jesus Changes the Game. [Registration](#) or 985-643-3456.

July 10-14: Albany First (Albany) - 6-8:30 p.m.

Theme: Twist & Turns: Following Jesus Changes the Game. [Registration](#).

July 10-14: Hebron (Bush) - 8:30 a.m.-12 noon.

Theme: Twist & Turns: Following Jesus Changes the Game. 985-886-3109.

July 10-14: New Zion (Covington) - 6-8:30 p.m. Ages:

3 years to 8th grade and adults. Theme: Keepers of the Kingdom. [Registration](#).

July 15: New Beulah (Hammond) - One day VBS, 9

a.m.-1 p.m. 225-567-2316.

Northshore Church News

●**First (Slidell)** Kids Kamp Summer Day Camp will be held Wednesday, May 31, through Friday, July 14, for ages 2 to 13 years old. Parents can pick what weeks and days that they would like their children to attend. Please contact the church office for registration information. A SBC Crossover Event will be held Saturday, June 10. The Adults 55+ group will have a June Picnic Lunch on Friday, June 23, at 12 noon. The cost for lunch is \$5. Reservations should be made with the church office by Monday, June 19. Pastor is Casey Stark.

●**First (Ponchatoula)** will have *Super Sunday* on June 11 with two guest pastors. Dr. Jeff Iorg, president of Gateway Seminary, will preach at 8:15 and 9:30 a.m. Dr. Kevin Jones, Cedarville University Dean of Education, and featured in The Gospel Project, will speak in First Kids Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and preach in the 10:45 a.m. worship service. A fellowship lunch will follow. The *Annual Patriotic Celebration 2023* will be held on Sunday, June 25, at 8:15 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. with patriotic music, a tribute to our armed forces, and a message of encouragement and hope. Everyone is invited. Chip Vickers is the music pastor and David Cranford is the senior pastor.

●**Ridge Memorial (Slidell)** is pleased to announce that the National Graduation of Slidell Baptist Seminary is scheduled for Sunday, June 4, at the church at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend and see this exciting event. Graduating students are coming from the states of North Carolina, Michigan, Ohio, Florida, Georgia, Texas, South Carolina, Mississippi, Indiana, Delaware, and Louisiana. Many more are expected to send back their invitation even after this letter. SBS is a national correspondence seminary and presently has over 5000 students. Many are Southern Baptist, Missionary Baptist, Independent Baptist and even Methodists, Pentecostal and a few Catholics. The church is also happy to announce that five people got born again in the last 30 days. To God be the glory for those that have accepted Jesus Christ. The Slidell Baptist Seminary website is www.slidellbaptistseminary.org. The tuition is reasonable and is accredited by AAATI. If anyone is interested, you can secure an application online and mail to the school. All lectures are on a flash drive or CDs. The seminary also has an A+ rating by the Better Business Bureau. Pastor is Paul Dabdoub.

●**Bedico (Ponchatoula)** will have a Back to School Bash on Wednesday, July 26, at 5:30 p.m. This is free to the community with gently used uniforms, school supplies, food, and fun. Dustin Stockstill is pastor.

●**Bethlehem (Albany)** will have a community church wide Family Fourth Celebration on Saturday, July 1, starting time TBD. Pastor is Joshua Peeler.



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."

●**Albany First (Albany)** is looking for a nursery worker for two Sundays a month from 9:45-11:15 a.m. Please contact Darlene at denee.watts@charter.net to submit a resume or for any questions. References required and a background check will be obtained. Pastor is Eddie Koch.

●**First (Covington)** will host Bill Gaither and the Gaither Vocal Band on Sunday, August 6, at 6 p.m. Tickets are available online at <https://www.itickets.com/events/473183>. Pastor is Waylon Bailey.

●**SweetWater (Abita Springs)** voted to change Jacob Wubben's title to co-lead pastor and also requested his home church, Bridgeway Church in Starkville to ordain him to the gospel ministry. SweetWater will host a free block party on the Abita Springs Town Hall Field on Friday, June 9, from 6-8 p.m. with food, games, and the 10th Street Brass Band. Ken Schroeder is pastor.

●**New Beulah (Hammond)** will have revival services Sunday, July 16, at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., and Monday and Tuesday, July 17 and 18, at 6 p.m. Evangelist will be Kyle Williams. Les Fogleman is pastor.



Mark Your Calendar

JUNE 2023

13-14 SBC Annual Meeting @ New Orleans. [More information.](#)

18 Father's Day

JULY 2023

4 Independence Day (Northshore Office closed)
17-18 LBC Childhood Education Workshop (CEW) @ First, Covington. [Registration.](#)

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.



July 4 - Independence Day

**Deadline for August-September Newsletter:
July 15, 2023**

Welcome

Pastors & Staff



John Brown

John Brown

Pastor
Calvary, Slidell

Jeremy Moseley
Pastor
Bogue Falaya, Folsom



Jeremy & Carolyne Moseley & Family



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

ShoreLines

By Don Pucik

Associational Mission Strategist

Prayer is sometimes hard. Consider...

“Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and NOT LOSE HEART...” ~ Luke 18:1

“For I want you to know what a great CONFLICT I have for you...” ~ Colossians 2:1

“Epaphras, who is one of you, a bondservant of Christ, greets you, always LABORING fervently for you in prayers, that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.” ~ Colossians 4:12

“...who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement CRIES AND TEARS...” ~ Hebrews 5:7



Don Pucik

These passages reminded me that prayer is not the last resort of the weak-minded, but rather it is the inner refuge of indefatigable men and women who know how to wait before their infinitely wise and mighty God.

The great struggle in prayer is not between God and you, as if you were straining to wrest some meager token from a stingy deity. Because of His unreserved love for you, your Father knows what you need before the thought is framed in your mind or any word leaves your lips.

No. Your battle is not with God.

But the moment you set out to go to God in prayer, sometimes it feels like all hell breaks loose... and that is not your imagination. Distractions will come. Interruptions. Discouraging thoughts. Powerful emotions that posture as the truth but act as blinders to it.

Instead of finding rest, you seem to incur greater distress in your soul. Your path to Him lies submerged beneath a swirling eddy of anxiety. Your praying seems useless beneath the smothering effects of your circumstances.

And all the while, He is still there, He hears you, and He loves you. So, it bears repeating: your battle is not with God.

Your battle lies in shutting out the mad noise of the outer world...

- slipping into the secret place and sacred space of your inner world...
 - to lay down your worries and weights and terrors at His feet...
 - to move over and surrender the controls...
 - to let go of your fiercely-held “maps” to your happiness...
 - to enter the sanctuary of His Presence...
 - to simply be with Him...
- and to discover He has been seeking you for this relationship all along!

The noise of battle ends in the loving Presence of the all-sufficient King and the infinitely satisfying Savior... Jesus! ~ DP

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	764.50	1,979.81	Killian First	-0-	-0-	Woodhaven	152.00	263.00
Antioch	34.17	44.17	Lee Hill	-0-	-0-	Woodland	-0-	-0-
Bayou	50.00	150.00	Lee Valley	-0-	-0-	Woodland Park	2,466.58	4,834.24
Bedico	1,147.00	2,304.00	Life	-0-	-0-	TOTAL	43,434.24	88,878.18
Bethlehem	368.00	1,068.00	Lighthouse	-0-	1,694.48			
Blood River	722.73	1,305.07	Loranger	835.44	2,521.62	Expenditures	41,309.77	82,216.55
Bogue Falaya	761.16	761.16	Manchac	-0-	-0-	Church Receipts	43,434.24	88,878.18
Calvary	100.00	150.00	Midway	-0-	-0-	Additional Income	-0-	-0-
Celebration (Cov/Mand)	500.00	1,000.00	Millville	-0-	-0-	Balance		140,960.13
Celebration (Slidell)	500.00	1,000.00	Mt. Calvary	45.74	179.81	Designated Accounts		903,897.84
Coburn	-0-	-0-	Natalbany	619.98	1,376.10			
Collins Blvd.	150.00	300.00	New Beginning	300.00	300.00			
Cornerstone (watchcare)	-0-	-0-	New Beulah	229.45	229.45			
Countryside	-0-	-0-	New Hope	-0-	-0-			
Covenant	275.00	275.00	New Life Community	250.00	375.00			
Creekside	300.00	300.00	New Zion	-0-	1,577.55			
Cristo para Todos	-0-	-0-	Northshore	1,833.34	3,666.68			
Crossbrand	419.28	933.56	Northside	739.42	1,128.55			
Crossgate	-0-	-0-	Old Zion Hill	502.49	1,425.92			
Crossroads	1,124.50	2,249.04	Ponchatoula's First	4,007.17	7,327.67			
Ebenezer	436.71	956.37	Red Bluff	50.56	510.47			
Emmaus	-0-	-0-	Redemption, Lacombe	200.00	500.00			
Evans Creek	337.08	637.59	Redemption Christian	-0-	-0-			
First, Covington	5,833.34	11,666.68	Ridge Memorial	-0-	-0-			
First, Folsom	1,484.49	2,023.29	River Fellowship	483.60	1,051.38			
First, Hammond	-0-	514.04	Serenity	173.79	173.79			
First, Independence	200.00	400.00	Springville	158.38	244.66			
First, Madisonville	-0-	-0-	Still Water	-0-	-0-			
First, Mandeville	2,500.00	5,000.00	SweetWater	102.02	525.20			
First, Pearl River	935.75	1,359.05	Tammany Hills	413.70	873.09			
First, Slidell	1,566.66	3,133.32	The Bridge	200.00	400.00			
First, Springfield	156.46	196.63	Thompson Road	488.60	719.48			
First, Tickfaw	-0-	-0-	Trinity	809.00	1,985.00			
French Corner	212.93	492.31	True Life	200.00	400.00			
Grace Community	208.20	610.50	Victory	-0-	-0-			
Grace Fellowship	336.55	1,097.55	Wardline	1,000.00	1,000.00			
Grace Hispanic	-0-	-0-	Westside	1,564.64	3,012.20			
Grace Memorial	1,918.00	4,153.00						
Greater St. James	-0-	-0-						
Hebron	600.00	1,200.00						
Iglesia Agua Viva	-0-	-0-						
Iglesia Buenas Nuevas	207.68	391.42						
Iglesia Cristo Redentor	166.58	333.26						
Immanuel	171.11	433.86						
Jerusalem	1,120.46	2,164.06						

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SBC Annual Meeting
 June 11-14
 2023 SBC Annual Meeting - New Orleans, LA