



# 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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**We Are Better . . .**



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# Annual Meeting

## Monday, October 3

6:30 p.m.

### Crossroads Church

143 Robin Hood Drive, Hammond

**Preaching:** Dr. David Cranford, Pastor, Ponchatoula's First Baptist Church

**— Don't Forget to Elect Your Messengers —**

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.

Valley Baptist Church Life Church Lighthouse Baptist Church Loranger Baptist Church Manclac Baptist Church Mandeville's First Baptist Church Midway Baptist Church Millville Baptist Church Mr. Cahary Baptist Church Natalbany Baptist Church New Beginning Baptist Church New Beulah Baptist Church New Hope Baptist Church New Life Community Church New Zion Baptist Church Northshore Church Northside Baptist Church Old Zion Hill Baptist Church Poncecharoula's First Baptist Church Red Bluff Baptist Church Redemption Christian Center Redemption Church Ridge Memorial Baptist Church River Fellowship Baptist Church Serenity Baptist Church Springville Baptist Church Still Water Church SweetWater Church Tammany Hills

Baptist Church Thompson Road Baptist Church Trinity Baptist Church True Life Church Victory Baptist Church Wardline Baptist Church Westside Baptist Church Woodhaven Baptist Church Woodland Baptist Church Woodland Park Baptist Church

# Northshore Church News

● **Grace Memorial (Slidell)** joins other churches on Sunday, October 2, 2-3 p.m. for the St. Tammany Right To Life, Slidell Life Chain 2022, to stand along Gause Blvd. in a peaceful and prayerful protest against abortion. **Fall Family Fest** will be Saturday, October 29, 10 a.m.-12 noon. Pastor is Jerry Smith.

● **First (Folsom)** is accepting resumes for part-time youth minister. Job Description: Direct and oversee the youth. The ideal candidate will have a "heart" for worshipping God and leading others to know Him deeper. The youth ministry package includes housing. Interested applicants should submit resumes' to [morie.punch@gmail.com](mailto:morie.punch@gmail.com). Will Robbins is pastor.

● **Bedico (Ponchatoula)** will have *Trunk or Treat*, a family fun event for the community with lots of vehicles decorated giving out candy and trinkets, on Sunday, October 30, at 5 p.m. This is a great alternative to Halloween. Registration for **Upward Basketball** for boys and girls grades pre-k to 7th grade and **Cheerleading** for girls grades pre-k to 5th grade will be held Tuesday, November 1, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, November 5, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Cost for basketball is \$70 and cost for cheerleading is \$75. Registration is at Bedico Baptist Church, 28156 Highway 22, Ponchatoula, LA 70454. For more information call 985-845-3417 or go to <http://BedicoBaptist.org>. Pastor is Dustin Stockstill.

● **First (Covington)** Young at Heart Adults 55+ Fall Celebration will be held on Tuesday, October 18, 10 a.m. to noon, featuring PLATINUM SOUND and their Big Band era music. Cost is \$10, payable at the door, and includes lunch. Online Registration is REQUIRED at <http://fbccov.org/adults-55> beginning on September 1. Deadline to register is 4 p.m. Wednesday, October 12. Seating is limited and the caterer must be paid for all who are registered by the deadline so please contact the church by the deadline if you must cancel. The church is located at 16333 Highway 1085, Covington. David Rockett is Minister of Adults 55+. Waylon Bailey is pastor.

● **Loranger (Loranger)** ministry assistant Becky Gorham retired on June 9 after 12 years of service. Pastor is Mike Hegwood.

● **Ebenezer (Hammond)** will have their 100 Year Celebration on Saturday, October 22, with lunch at noon followed by a time of worship and testimonies at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, October 23 worship service will be at 10 a.m. followed by dinner on the grounds. Steven Campbell is pastor.

● **Jerusalem (Hammond)** WMU ladies had Dr. Dennis Phelps, Director of Church, Minister, and Alumni Relations for the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home and Family Ministries, speak at a recent meeting. Dr. Phelps shared a presentation and two videos with the group. The JBC WMU collected an offering of \$1,387 for the Children's Home. Mrs. Ann Coats is WMU Director.



● **Crossroads (Hammond)** celebrated the launch of their new building, Sunday, September 11, beginning with worship followed by food, games, and fun for everyone. The church is located at 143 Robin Hood Drive, Hammond. Pastor is Asah Hudgins.

● **Countryside (Tickfaw)** presents *A Night of Worship* October 7, at 7 p.m. featuring Pastor Russell Osborne, WoodHaven Worship Band, Diakonos Christian Band featuring Jake Chance and others. The church is located at 50140 Highway 1065, Tickfaw.

● **Ridge Memorial (Slidell)** is excited about two men who recently were born again. The Lord showed again how His grace is still available. One person that was saved was 18 years old and the other was 82 years old. To God be the glory. The Slidell Baptist Seminary graduation was an exciting time for the church. Since this graduation was the first since Covid forced the church to cancel 2020 and 2021, it added an extra ray of excitement. Graduates came from all over the U.S. Even though the graduates are not required to come and march, it is so wonderful to share with those who come. The church had a record amount of graduates this year. The graduation message can be watched by going to <http://Youtube.com> and type in Paul Dabdoub 2022 graduation message. Hope you enjoy the charge to the graduates. Paul Dabdoub is pastor.

● **First (Independence)** began a study on the book of Colossians on Sunday, September 25. Everyone is encouraged to bring their Bibles. A Children's Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday, October 30, with more details to come. A Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Sunday, November 20. Mitch Williams is pastor.

● **Awaken Faith and Folk Music Festival** at the Madisonville Town Park will be held on Sunday, October 23. This is an opportunity to invite lost friends and neighbors to hear the gospel in an open-air setting with activities for kids and free food. Sponsored by Celebration Church-Mandeville, Bridge Church, North Cross UMC, and Faith Presbyterian Church. Contact Chad Richardson for more information at 903-806-1775.



## Mark Your Calendar

### Northshore Baptist Association

#### OCTOBER 2022

- 3 Annual Meeting @ Crossroads Church, Hammond, 6:30 p.m. (See page 1 for details.)
- 20 NAMB Crossover Luncheon @ FBC Covington (see this page for details.)
- 24 January Bible Study Preview @ NOBTS  
<https://LouisianaBaptists.org/event/2023-january-bible-study-preview-new-orleans>
- 25 January Bible Study Preview @ BAGBR  
<https://LouisianaBaptists.org/event/2023-january-bible-study-preview-baton-rouge>

#### NOVEMBER 2022

- 15 LBC Annual Meeting @ Calvary, Alexandria  
<https://LouisianaBaptists.org/event/lbc-annual-meeting>
- 20-21 Youth Evangelism Conference @ Alexandria  
<https://LouisianaBaptists.org/event/youth-evangelism-celebration-yec-alexandria>
- 23-25 Northshore Office closed for Thanksgiving
- 24 Thanksgiving Day

## Invitation to Pastors & Ministerial Staff for NAMB Luncheon in Preparation for Serve Tour + Crossover, New Orleans

Thursday, October 20

12 noon to 1:30 p.m.

*First Baptist Church*

*16333 Highway 1085, Covington*

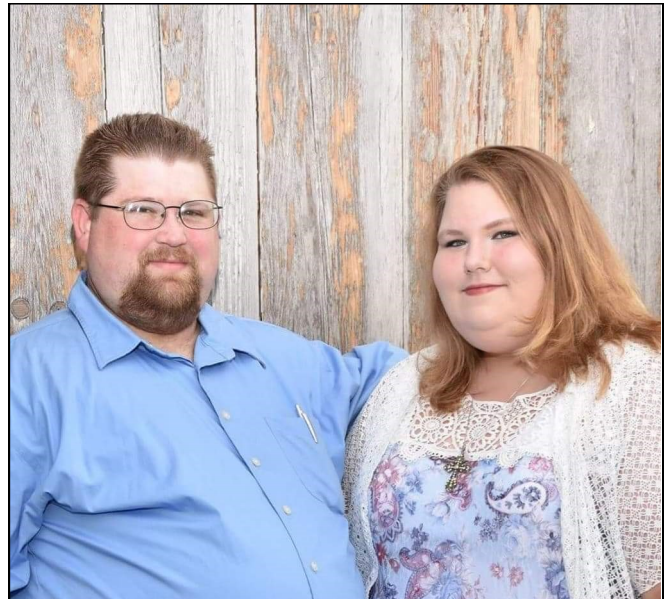
In partnership with Louisiana Baptist Convention and the local Area Baptist Associations, the North American Mission Board invites pastors and pastoral staff to a NAMB Luncheon in Preparation For Serve Tour + Crossover, New Orleans where we will cast vision for June 2023. You will learn how your church can get involved in reaching out and serving hurting communities in New Orleans. Together let's make an eternal difference in the lives of hurting people.

Pastors, Pastoral Staff, and Mission Leaders are invited to a free banquet style, catered hot three course meal. For logistical purposes, each individual person must be registered.

**Register here:** <https://www.cvent.com/d/19qwkr>

# Welcome

## Pastors & Staff



Russell & Hollie Osborne

**Russell Osborne**

Pastor

*Countryside, Hammond*

## — LBC Events —

**October 1** - Made to Multiply Gospel Conversation and Disciple Making Training at Westside Baptist Church, 40375 W I-55 Service Road, Ponchatoula. Spend a Saturday morning learning to share your faith and disciple a new believer with simple tools being utilized by believers in some of the worlds hardest to reach places. 9am-2pm - 411 Gospel Conversation Training. 2-4pm - Disciple Making Training. Lunch is provided. Sponsored by Louisiana Baptists and E3 Partners. RSVP here: <https://louisianabaptists.org/event/made-to-multiply-ponchatoula/>. Contact Lane Corley for more info: 985-373-2748.

**October 20-22** - Four Fields Intensive Disciple Making Movement Training - Lion King Retreat Center, Amite. Develop a simple strategy for making disciples personally and as a church utilizing best practices and tools, used by missionaries in some of the world's hardest-to-reach places. Cost is \$100. Register here: <https://louisianabaptists.org/event/four-fields-intensive/>. Contact Lane Corley for more info: 985-373-2748.

# 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?

Over the last 20 years, associations have struggled to adapt to the rapid social and economic changes impacting churches in North America. The result is that there are multiple approaches to being an association that didn't exist before.

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. Involvement in the association meant a church could easily access 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.



**Don Pucik**

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. You value those networks because they add value to your life and ministry in some way. In fact, you look forward to engaging with those networks as often as you can, because when you do, meaningful and helpful experiences are involved.

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

In coming months, our leadership is going to begin to pray together and re-think the rationale for a network of churches working together in the Northshore. We will be engaging pastors and ministry leaders to help identify and define those things we most care about doing together. I don't know how long it will take, but when we're done, my desire is that we will have uncovered a new rationale for our network of churches that will ignite our hearts for those things nearest the heart of God.

Pray with me for this – I'm praying for you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be '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.**

	July-Aug	YTD		July-Aug	YTD		July-Aug	YTD
Albany First	728.88	3,310.87	Lee Valley	-0-	-0-	Wardline	500.00	2,900.00
Antioch	50.00	141.09	Life	-0-	-0-	Westside	1,293.06	4,669.62
Bayou	100.00	450.00	Lighthouse	-0-	1,136.82	Woodhaven	116.00	591.00
Bedico	1,026.00	3,944.19	Loranger	-0-	2,834.66	Woodland	474.00	695.32
Bethlehem	606.00	2,774.00	Louisiana	-0-	-0-	Woodland Park	2,234.55	8,994.62
Blood River	343.28	2,304.38	Manchac	-0-	-0-	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>41,296.17</b>	<b>183,694.92</b>
Bogue Falaya	632.49	1,416.31	Mandeville's First	2,500.00	10,000.00			
Calvary	200.00	800.00	Midway	-0-	-0-	Expenditures	38,944.56	163,533.25
Celebration (Cov/Mand)	500.00	2,000.00	Millville	-0-	1,006.00	Church Receipts	41,296.17	183,694.92
Celebration (Slidell)	500.00	2,000.00	Mt. Calvary	92.03	426.22	Additional Income	-0-	30.28
Coburn	-0-	-0-	Natalbany	1,406.76	5,452.55	Balance		130,464.09
Collins Blvd.	150.00	450.00	New Beginning	-0-	600.00	Designated Accounts		893,855.53
Countryside	-0-	-0-	New Beulah	42.37	622.55			
Covenant	50.00	375.00	New Hope	-0-	-0-			
Creekside	300.00	600.00	New Life Community	375.00	1,125.00			
Cristo para Todos	-0-	-0-	New Zion	2,591.55	12,473.88			
Crossbrand	892.34	1,824.38	Northshore	1,833.34	7,333.36			
Crossgate	100.00	400.00	Northside	661.35	1,860.03			
Crossroads	1,119.78	4,479.12	Old Zion Hill	433.27	1,831.01			
Ebenezer	216.95	1,953.57	Ponchatoula's First	1,640.99	10,413.39			
Emmaus	-0-	300.00	Red Bluff	420.58	1,299.23			
Evans Creek	-0-	984.70	Redemption, Lacombe	200.00	800.00			
First, Covington	5,000.00	19,666.67	Redemption Christian	-0-	-0-			
First, Folsom	876.61	5,011.33	Ridge Memorial	-0-	50.00			
First, Hammond	306.07	1,443.21	River Fellowship	544.20	2,091.62			
First, Independence	200.00	800.00	Serenity	136.58	409.02			
First, Madisonville	-0-	-0-	Springville	109.94	516.84			
First, Pearl River	586.86	4,459.86	Still Water	-0-	-0-			
First, Slidell	783.33	6,266.64	SweetWater	260.18	1,013.60			
First, Springfield	109.35	542.63	Tammany Hills	1,027.81	2,268.23			
First, Tickfaw	-0-	-0-	The Bridge	200.00	900.00			
French Corner	166.67	1,532.02	The Field Church	-0-	325.00			
Grace Community	-0-	-0-	Thompson Road	499.66	2,302.73			
Grace Fellowship	418.27	2,718.36	Trinity	765.00	3,173.00			
Grace Hispanic	-0-	-0-	True Life	100.00	800.00			
Grace Memorial	1,698.00	8,568.00	Victory	-0-	-0-			
Greater St. James	-0-	300.00						
Hebron	600.00	2,400.00						
Iglesia Agua Viva	-0-	7.64						
Iglesia Buenas Nuevas	153.38	724.42						
Iglesia Cristo Redentor	41.66	291.65						
Immanuel	172.31	769.40						
Jerusalem	1,055.57	4,373.25						
Killian First	1,154.15	2,396.93						
Lee Hill	-0-	-0-						



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

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