



# 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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**We Are Better . . .**



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## ANNUAL MEETING

**Monday, October 2**

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

*13320 Broadway Street, Folsom*

5:30: Dinner - 6:30: Meeting

**Preaching:** Dr. Josh Ellis

Executive Director, Union Baptist Association, Houston, TX

**— 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.

*October is*

**PASTOR  
APPRECIATION  
MONTH**

**Happy Thanksgiving**

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.  
His love endures forever.*

*Psalm 136.1*

# Northshore Church News

● **Crossroads (Hammond)** will bring the Glory Conference Livestream to Hammond on Friday, October 27-28. Bring your friends and church groups, ladies. Dinner will be provided on Friday the 27th and a light breakfast/coffee on Saturday the 28th. Experience Bible teaching from Jackie Hill Perry with this livestream event to explore solid, without-a-doubt theology on what it means to be a woman in light of Jesus. Glory Livestream includes Bible teaching from Jackie Hill Perry, worship led by Jordan Welch, a Q&A session with Dr. Sarita Lyons. [Register here](#). Asah Hudgins is pastor.

● **Bedico (Ponchatoula)** will have a Men's Prayer Breakfast on Sunday, October 1, at 7:30 a.m. All men are encouraged to attend for a morning of prayer, breakfast and fellowship. A Community Trunk or Treat will be held on Sunday, October 29 at 5 p.m. This is a safe and fun Halloween alternative for families and is free to the community. Bo Rice is interim pastor.

● **First (Independence)** will have a Harvest Festival for children pre-K-5th grade on Sunday October 29, 4-6 p.m. Mitch Williams is pastor.

● **First (Slidell)** will have a special celebration weekend Saturday, September 30, and Sunday, October 1, with Music Minister Jim Baham and his wife Dianne celebrating their **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**. Saturday night's service will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a look at 5 Decades of Ministry and Sunday there will be a Dinner-On-The-Grounds after morning services. It will be a full weekend of music and testimony. \***Adults 55+** will take a trip to Branson, Missouri, on October 9-13. \***FBC Ladies In Faith Together** will make Christmas cards for homebound and nursing home members on Friday, October 27, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. \***Fall Festival** for the community will be Sunday, October 29, 4 -6 p.m. featuring Tractor & Treat car booths and Glow-In-The-Dark Box Maze. There will be fun for the whole family. Friendly costumes are welcome. \***Upward Basketball and Cheerleading Registration** will begin Wednesday, November 1. Register [online](#) or at the church office. Early registration will be open through Sunday, December 31. \*Collection of shoeboxes for **Operation Christmas Child** will be the week of November 6 and praying over them to send them out will be on Sunday, November 12. \***First Baptist Christian School** and **Child Development Center** will have Veterans Day programs on Wednesday November 8, at 9 a.m. and Friday, November 10, at 9:30 a.m. Pastor is Casey Stark.

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

● **First (Covington)** will have a **Rebuild Pointe-aux-Chenes** information meeting on Sunday, October 1, at 3 p.m. \***Adults 55+ Fall Celebration** is planned for Tuesday, October 17, in the Worship Center from 10 a.m. to noon featuring Grammy and Dove nominated artist Tim Lovelace. Cost is \$15 (payable at the door) and includes lunch. [Online Registration](#) is REQUIRED. Deadline to register is 4 p.m. Wednesday October 11. 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. \***Legacy Grandparenting Conference Simulcast** will be Friday, October 20, 5 to 8:30 p.m., and Saturday, October 21, 8 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$59 through October 19 and \$69 at the door. Friday dinner and snacks are included for both days. Grandparents and expectant grandparents are encouraged to take advantage of this excellent opportunity to learn more about God's plan for them to be intentional influencers for God in the lives of their grandchildren. More information and registration is available [here](#). \***An Evening of Worship with Chris Tomlin** with special guest Pat Barrett will be at FBC Thursday, November 9, at 7 p.m. Tickets are available [online](#). \***Volunteer registration and kickoff for Night to Shine** (sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation) will be October 14 and 15 in the Connection Center before, during, and after all weekend services. This is in preparation for a worldwide event for special needs individuals ages 14 and up to be held on Friday, February 9, 2024, 5:30 to 9 p.m. Waylon Bailey is pastor.

● **Grace Memorial (Slidell)** will have a Fall Family Festival on Saturday, October 28, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Pastor is Jerry Smith.

● **Natalbany (Natalbany)** will have a Fall Fest on Sunday, November 5, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the church, 48024 Parsonage Road, Natalbany. Danny Carter is pastor.

● **Bethlehem (Albany)** has several upcoming events: Annual Car Show on Saturday, October 14, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Annual Trunk & Treat, Tuesday, October 31, 6-8 p.m.; Bless the Basketball teams of Albany High School service, Sunday, November 5; Community and church-wide Thanksgiving meal on Sunday, November 19, at 5 p.m. Pastor is Joshua Peeler.

● **Red Bluff (Folsom)** 5th Sunday Singing will be held October 29, beginning at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Pastor is Cody Roberts.

● **First (Ponchatoula)** will host a Super Sunday + Family Conference on Sunday, October 15, with special guests Dr. Roc Collins and Dr. Jeff Nave. Full schedule is available [here](#). Erie Haase + Signature Sound will perform on Sunday, November 5, at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the church office. David Cranford is pastor.

# ShoreLines

By Don Pucik

Associational Mission Strategist

*“How can I help you, Pastor?”* The man served in our church as a ministry leader. He ran a large business with several employees. He was a busy man, and yet he wanted know how he could help me! I invited him to pray for me. Immediately he stood up, walked next to where I was sitting, placed his work-hardened hands on my shoulders, and asked God to bless His pastor. And he kept doing that for the next several years, dropping by my office each week to pray for me. It was his way of supporting me.

How can you support your pastor and staff? Here are five ways you can communicate your support.

**Know the Plans.** When the Lord is directing His church, the ministries of the church will be moving together in the same direction. He already has the plan for your church – and His plan is the only one that matters! (Psalm 33:11) Consequently, the Lord often gives pastors a global view of the church and insight into the next steps that need to be taken by ministry leaders. Ask your pastor how you can plug into the “big picture” of churchwide priorities and events. Discuss ways your desire for ministry can best align with the overall mission of the church.



Don Pucik

**Raise the Team.** One of the great challenges to your pastor is the ongoing need for new leaders. Jesus taught His disciples to pray for more laborers, and so should we! (Matthew 9:37-38) Without new ministry leaders, your church is just one generation away from extinction. Invest in raising up new believers into disciples, and new disciples into servant leaders within your church. Make this a lifelong priority (2 Timothy 2:2). Take advantage of the training opportunities provided by your pastor and staff, but realize that you can help develop and train someone to serve Jesus in His church.

**Tackle the Problems.** Problems are an expected part of doing ministry in a fallen world. The early church in Acts experienced one difficulty after another—and each time the Holy Spirit had a way for them to turn the problem into an opportunity to accomplish their mission. Effective ministry leaders pray for wisdom to solve problems (James 1:5). Carry problems to the Lord before you carry them to the pastor. Pursue solutions and seek biblical outcomes. For example, look for ways to turn critical comments from others into constructive conversations. Lighten your pastor’s load by doing what you can to resolve an issue before involving him.

**Tell the Stories.** Share with your pastor and staff what God is doing in your ministry area. Several years ago, a ministry leader expressed concern that she was bragging when she reported her ministry’s “success,” choosing instead, not to say anything at all. Yet throughout the Bible, we find stories of God’s activity and greatness. Jesus taught that shining a spotlight on His activity is a primary way of giving Him the glory (Matthew 5:16). I suspect that the more we tell the stories of His work, the more stories He will give us to tell!

**Bless the Shepherds.** No pastor suffers from too much encouragement! When I have served in denominational roles outside of a local church, I had the opportunity to be “just” a church member with no professional duties. Knowing firsthand the steady flow of criticism that pastors experience, I decided that I would never criticize my pastor. I wanted him to hear positive feedback and words of affirmation from me. I wanted him to smile when he saw me coming, knowing I was coming to bless him in some way. Encouraged pastors are better pastors for the churches they serve (Hebrews 13:17). As a ministry leader and church member you can say things to your pastor that can make his day or ruin his week. The choice is yours.

*“How can I help you?”* There are many times that ministry leaders have blessed me as a pastor with that question. Ministry leaders want to meet needs and make a difference, but they have discovered the personal joy and ministry effectiveness that comes from supporting their pastors and staff. ~ DP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'DP' with a stylized flourish.



## Mark Your Calendar

### OCTOBER 2023

- 2 NBA Annual Meeting @ First, Folsom (see page 1 for details)
- 20 Ministers' Wives Retreat @ Tall Timbers [Ministers' Wives' Retreat - Louisiana Baptists](#)
- 23 January Bible Study Preview @ NOBTS [January Bible Study Preview, New Orleans - Louisiana Baptists](#)
- 26 January Bible Study Preview @ Baptist Association of Greater Baton Rouge Office [January Bible Study Preview, Baton Rouge - Louisiana Baptists](#)

### NOVEMBER 2023

- 4 Women Who Lead @ Judson Baptist Church, Walker [Women Who Lead, Walker - Louisiana Baptists](#)
- 11 VBS Preview @ Baptist Building [VBS Preview - Louisiana Baptists](#)
- 12 Compañerismo Hispano Anual de los Bautistas de Luisiana [Compañerismo Hispano Anual de los Bautistas de Luisiana - Louisiana Baptists](#)
- 14 LBC Annual Meeting @ Franklin Avenue Baptist Church, New Orleans [2023 LBC Annual Meeting - Louisiana Baptists](#)
- 19-20 Youth Evangelism Conference @ Rapides Coliseum, Alexandria [Youth Evangelism Celebration \(YEC\) - Louisiana Baptists](#)
- 22-24 Northshore Office Closed for Thanksgiving
- 23 Thanksgiving

# PREPARE HERE CONFERENCE

HOSTED BY: THE JIM HENRY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE AT NOBTS

OCTOBER 12-13, 2023

Servant Leadership in Uncertain Times

FEATURING



JAMIE DEW  
President, NOBTS &  
Leavell College



ROBBY GALLATY  
Pastor, Long  
Hollow Church



STEVE GAINES  
Pastor, Bellevue Baptist  
Church

PANEL DISCUSSION INCLUDING FRED LUTER, JIM HENRY, & MORE



NEW ORLEANS  
BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY



LEAVELL  
COLLEGE

# Welcome

**Pastors & Staff**



**Wade Wilson**  
Pastor Apprentice  
*SweetWater,  
Abita Springs*

We are excited to announce the first annual **Prepare Here** conference, October 12-13, 2023, at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, hosted by the Jim Henry Leadership Institute. *Servant Leadership in Uncertain Times* targets pastors, church staff, and key church leaders. [Register here](#). **Prepare Here** will feature keynotes by Jamie Dew, Robbie Gallaty, and Steve Gaines; Panel Discussion with Fred Luter, Jim Henry, and Steve Gaines; and three Breakout sessions offering tracks for pastors, church staff and leaders working with students (college & youth) and kids, music/worship, leadership/administration, and women's ministry. Three publicity pieces are attached to this email for your use in promoting the event.

Hope to see you there!

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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	792.27	3,493.98	Killian First	661.00	661.00	Wardline	500.00	1,500.00
Antioch	39.42	107.90	Lee Hill	-0-	-0-	Westside	1,552.18	6,318.53
Bayou	100.00	400.00	Lee Valley	-0-	-0-	Woodhaven	112.00	494.00
Bedico	1,179.00	4,511.00	Life	-0-	-0-	Woodland	-0-	587.76
Bethlehem	798.00	2,666.00	Lighthouse	-0-	3,686.48	Woodland Park	2,282.56	9,280.22
Blood River	707.09	2,693.39	Loranger	899.53	4,413.14	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>47,755.19</b>	<b>182,111.30</b>
Bogue Falaya	-0-	1,474.37	Manchac	-0-	-0-			
Calvary	150.00	400.00	Midway	-0-	-0-	Expenditures	42,071.29	169,316.80
Celebration (Cov/Mand)	500.00	2,000.00	Millville	-0-	-0-	Church Receipts	47,755.19	182,111.30
Celebration (Slidell)	500.00	2,000.00	Mt. Calvary	90.37	409.66	Additional Income	-0-	-0-
Coburn	-0-	-0-	Natalbany	627.65	2,726.03	Balance		147,093.00
Collins Blvd.	150.00	450.00	New Beginning	-0-	600.00	Designated Accounts		909,906.76
Cornerstone (watchcare)	60.94	258.74	New Beulah	170.25	550.30			
Countryside	-0-	-0-	New Hope	-0-	-0-			
Covenant	100.00	575.00	New Life Community	250.00	875.00			
Creekside	-0-	600.00	New Zion	-0-	1,577.55			
Cristo para Todos	-0-	-0-	Northshore	1,833.34	7,333.36			
Crossbrand	601.70	2,034.36	Northside	493.80	2,051.56			
Crossgate	-0-	100.00	Old Zion Hill	1,393.20	3,623.84			
Crossroads	1,124.50	4,498.04	Ponchatoula's First	4,842.22	13,795.97			
Ebenezer	738.31	2,177.44	Red Bluff	515.96	1,026.53			
Emmaus	-0-	300.00	Redemption, Lacombe	200.00	900.00			
Evans Creek	328.75	966.34	Redemption Christian	-0-	-0-			
First, Covington	5,833.34	23,333.36	Ridge Memorial	25.00	125.00			
First, Folsom	573.47	3,647.16	River Fellowship	870.10	2,398.55			
First, Hammond	302.96	1,806.13	Serenity	180.30	609.21			
First, Independence	200.00	800.00	Springville	159.66	540.34			
First, Madisonville	-0-	-0-	Still Water	-0-	-0-			
First, Mandeville	2,500.00	10,000.00	SweetWater	275.79	1,112.61			
First, Pearl River	779.92	3,516.40	Tammany Hills	168.96	1,649.23			
First, Slidell	1,566.66	6,266.64	The Bridge	200.00	800.00			
First, Springfield	185.88	382.51	Thompson Road	821.28	2,045.58			
First, Tickfaw	-0-	-0-	Trinity	1,140.00	3,484.00			
French Corner	224.40	1,871.73	True Life	200.00	800.00			
Grace Community	1,925.82	2,833.07	Victory	-0-	-0-			
Grace Fellowship	804.72	2,946.32						
Grace Hispanic	-0-	-0-						
Grace Memorial	2,034.00	7,873.00						
Greater St. James	-0-	-0-						
Hebron	600.00	2,400.00						
Iglesia Agua Viva	-0-	-0-						
Iglesia Buenas Nuevas	232.36	815.46						
Iglesia Cristo Redentor	166.68	666.62						
Immanuel	168.29	771.71						
Jerusalem	1,321.56	4,499.18						

## Congratulations



Lily Marie Roberts was born August 15 (7 lbs., 19.5 inches). Parents are Cody and Becky Roberts. Cody is pastor at Red Bluff Baptist Church, Folsom.



Lawson Moseley was born August 22. Parents are Jeremy and Carolyne Moseley. Jeremy is pastor at Bogue Falaya Baptist Church, Folsom.

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