



# Annual Report

*2023*



Thirteenth  
Annual Meeting  
*of*  
**Northshore Baptist  
Association**

*at*

First Baptist Church  
Folsom, Louisiana

*October 2, 2023*

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***2024 Annual Meeting***  
Monday, October 7



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## Northshore Baptist Association Administrative Council

### **Moderator**

David Cranford  
First Baptist Church, Ponchatoula

### **Vice-Moderator**

Jay Victory  
Northshore Church, Slidell

### **Clerk**

Eric Hammond  
First Baptist Church, Slidell

### **Treasurer**

Rickie Wilson  
Hebron Baptist Church, Bush

### **Church Multiplication Team Leader**

Ken Schroeder  
SweetWater Church, Abita Springs

### **Discipleship Development Team Leader**

Asah Hudgins  
Crossroads Church, Hammond

### **Missions/Evangelism Team Leader**

Avery Dixon  
Trinity Baptist Church, Hammond

### **Pastoral Ministries Team Leader**

Randy Boyett  
Thompson Road Baptist Church, Slidell

### **Support Ministries Team Leader**

Stacie Ray  
River Fellowship, Hammond

### **At-large**

Josh Jordan  
First Baptist Church, Covington

### **At-large**

Tim Moffett  
Woodland Park Baptist Church, Hammond

### **At-large**

Will Robbins  
First Baptist Church, Folsom

### **At-Large**

Marvin Mercado  
Iglesia Agua Viva, Pearl River, and  
Iglesia Buenas Nuevas, Slidell

### **At-large**

Danny Carter  
Natalbany Baptist Church, Natalbany

### **At-Large**

Jeff Robinson  
First Baptist Church, Hammond

**Thirteenth Annual Meeting**  
Northshore Baptist Association  
**Monday, October 2, 2023 (6:30 pm)**  
First Baptist Church, Folsom, Louisiana

**Welcome & Prayer**

Will Robbins, Pastor  
First Baptist Church, Folsom

**Call to Order / Motion to Seat Messengers**

David Cranford, Moderator  
Pastor, First Baptist Church, Ponchatoula

**Executive Board Recommendations**

- 1) Concerning the 2024 Proposed Budget (page 4).  
*"The Executive Board recommends the adoption of the proposed 2024 budget."*
- 2) Concerning the 2024 Nominating Committee Report (page 5).  
*"The Executive Board recommends the adoption of the 2024 Nominating Committee Report."*

**Credentials Committee Report and Recommendations**

*Asah Hudgins (chair), Casey Stark, Bill Boren, Jeff Robinson, David Cranford (ex-officio), and Don Pucik (ex-officio).*

- 1) Recommendation #1: The Credentials Committee recommends the Association receive the **Cornerstone Baptist Church, Ponchatoula** (formerly known as Eastside Baptist Church) into watchcare status for one additional year (2023-2024). In February 2022 the church submitted a new membership petition and the Association received them into watchcare on October 3, 2022. The church is currently engaged in revising their bylaws.
- 2) Recommendation #2: The Credentials Committee recommends the Association receive the **Christ Community Church, Covington** into watchcare status for one year (2023-2024). Launched in 2012, Christ Community desires to unite with the churches of the Northshore for the purposes of mutual fellowship and cooperative ministry. Pastor Jeff Erhardt is a graduate of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. As a petitioning church with no prior Southern Baptist affiliation, Christ Community is required to complete a one-year watchcare period as a membership requirement of our bylaws.

**Mission Strategist Annual Report: Rethinking the Association – Next Steps** (page 7-9).

*Don Pucik (Mission Strategist) and David Cranford (Moderator)*

**A Moment of Recognition and Appreciation:** The following associational members of the Administrative Council are completing their terms of service – Gary Dennis (Church Multiplication Team Leader), George Burris (At-large), Andrew Ogea (At-large).

**Guest Introductions**

David Cranford

**Prayer**

Don Pucik  
Mission Strategist, NBA



**Congregational Worship in Song**

Ed Herring, Associate Pastor, Music & Youth  
Red Bluff Baptist Church, Folsom

**Message**

Josh Ellis, Executive Director  
Union Baptist Association, Houston TX

**Benediction**

Ray Swift, Pastoral Leadership Ministry Team Director  
Louisiana Baptist Convention, Alexandria

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*Future NBA Meetings*

- January 16, 2024 – Executive Board
- August 6, 2024 – Executive Board
- October 7, 2024 – NBA Annual Meeting

## NBA Proposed 2024 Budget

	2023	2024 Proposed
Church Multiplication Total	\$24,700.00	\$20,000.00
Evangelism and Missions Total	\$38,750.00	\$37,250.00
Support Ministries Total	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00
Pastoral Ministries Total	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Discipleship Development Total	\$1,150.00	\$1,150.00
Administration		
Office	\$6,000.00	\$5,248.00
Building & Property	\$29,000.00	\$27,500.00
Personnel	\$176,000.00	\$180,000.00
Administration Total	\$211,506.00	\$213,170.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$278,356.00</b>	<b>\$273,820.00</b>
Projected 2024 SBA Income Churches	\$285,660.00	\$273,820.00
Projected 2024 NBA Expenses	\$278,356.00	\$273,820.00
Difference	\$7,304.00	\$0.00

## 2024 NBA Nominating Committee Recommendations

Name	Position	Term	Church
<b>NBA Council</b>			
<b>*David Cranford</b>	Moderator	2024	First, Ponchatoula
<b>*Jay Victory</b>	Vice-Moderator	2024	Northshore, Slidell
<b>*Eric Hammond</b>	Clerk	2024	First, Slidell
<b>*Rickie Wilson</b>	Treasurer	2024	Hebron, Bush
<b>*Ken Schroeder</b>	Church Multiplication Team Leader	2026	SweetWater, Abita Springs
Asah Hudgins	Discipleship Development Team Leader	2024	Crossroads, Hammond
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Randy Boyett	Pastoral Ministries Team Leader	2024	Thompson Road, Slidell
Stacie Ray	Support Ministries Team Leader	2025	River Fellowship, Hammond
<b>*Josh Jordan</b>	At-large	2025**	First, Covington
Tim Moffett	At-large	2025	Woodland Park, Hammond
Will Robbins	At-large	2024	First, Folsom
<b>*Danny Carter</b>	At-large	2026	Natalbany, Natalbany
<b>*Jeff Robinson</b>	At-large	2026	First, Hammond
Marvin Mercado	At-large	2024	Iglesia Buenas Nuevas, Slidell and Iglesia Agua Viva, Pearl River
<b>Camp Living Waters Trustees</b>			
<b>*Ed Herring</b>		2024	Red Bluff, Folsom
<b>*Bill Hiller</b>		2024	River Fellowship, Hammond
<b>*Dave Ketchand</b>		2024	Old Zion Hill, Independence
<b>*Terral Ridgell</b>		2024	Ebenezer, Hammond
<b>Baptist Collegiate Ministry</b>			
<b>*David Cranford</b>		2024	First, Ponchatoula

\* Names in bold are being nominated.  
 \*\* Filling out an unexpired term.

# Messengers - 2023

## **Bridge, Madisonville**

Lane Corley

## **Celebration, Mandeville/Covington**

Chad Richardson

## **Coburn, Hammond**

Barry Bacon

## **Crossroads, Hammond**

Asah Hudgins

Tara Hudgins

## **First, Folsom**

David Mercer

Will Robbins

Rachel Robbins

## **First, Independence**

Donald Badon

Robert Dale Walters

Mitch Williams

## **First, Mandeville**

Beth Bacon

Lois Bergeron

Michael Bergeron

Kathy Cooksey

Ronny Cooksey

## **First, Ponchatoula**

David Cranford

## **First, Slidell**

Chase Stanley

Casey Stark

## **Jerusalem, Hammond**

Lolan Coates

Anita Stewart

Chuck Stewart

## **New Beulah, Hammond**

Les Fogleman

## **New Life Community, Covington**

Derek Kitterlin

## **Old Zion Hill, Independence**

David Ketchand

## **Red Bluff, Folsom**

Jack Bossier

Ryan Core

Willie Core

Ed Herring

Lee Shaw

Cody Roberts

## **Redemption, Lacombe**

Byron Brown

## **SweetWater, Abita Springs**

Gayla Schroeder

Ken Schroeder

## **Woodland Park, Hammond**

Jim Bornholdt

**Northshore Baptist Association**  
**2023 Mission Strategist Annual Report – Don Pucik**

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**Rethinking the Association – Next Steps**

Throughout the Southern Baptist Convention, many associations have been experiencing declining support and increasing questions concerning their relevance and value to their member churches. The critical question all associations are facing is “why do we even need an association?”

Over the past year, the Administrative Council has taken positive steps to address this issue in the Northshore. Pastors and church leaders typically have personal networks they can rely on, but local churches can build a regional network that specifically caters to their needs and adds value to their ministry in a way that other networks can't.

During a series of listening sessions conducted from January through May 2023, Northshore leaders gathered to help identify a rationale (a compelling set of purposes) for working together. In effect, they have said “this is the kind of church network that we want to be part of.” Below you will find an analysis of the listening session data and an outline of next steps going forward.

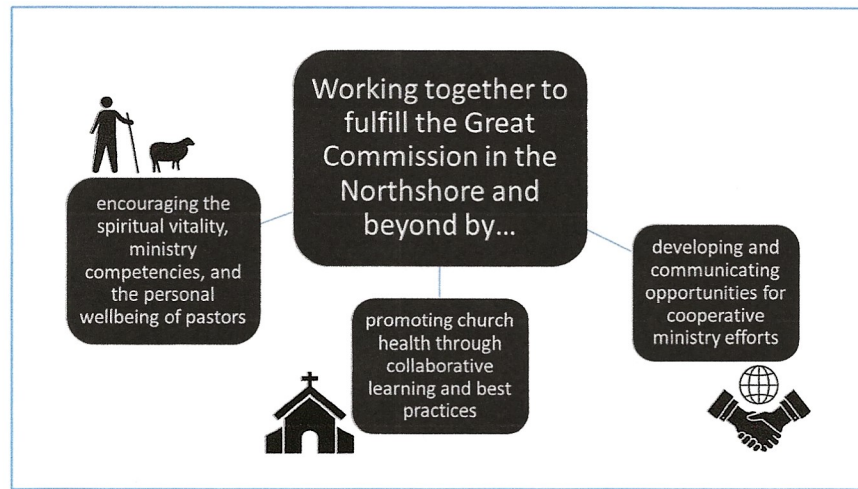
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**Listening Sessions – Response Summary**  
(6 sessions with 50-60 unique participants)

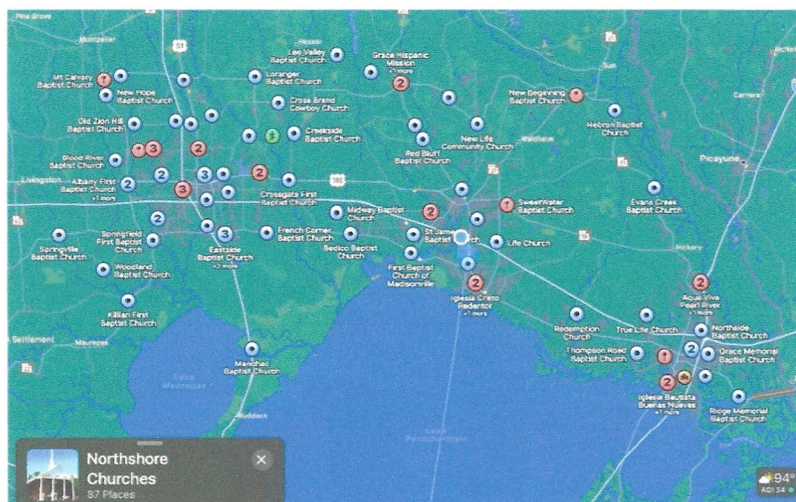
<b>Rationale / Purpose / Reason</b>	
<b>39%</b>	encourage spiritual vitality, ministry competencies, and the personal wellbeing of <b>pastors</b>
<b>24%</b>	promote <b>church health</b> and encourage best church practices/learning
<b>19%</b>	develop and communicate opportunities for <b>cooperative ministry efforts</b> (e.g. disaster relief)
<b>10%</b>	foster sense of <b>shared Baptist identity</b>
<b>5%</b>	facilitate the <b>evangelization of the Northshore</b>
<b>3%</b>	support the development and growth of <b>church lay leaders</b>

## Next Steps: A Summary of Administrative Council Actions for 2023-2024

1. Adopt a preliminary, operating rationale for a network of Northshore Baptist Churches.



2. Organize the existing administrative council into three workgroups.



Each workgroup will enlist and include non-council representation from across the Northshore (e.g. West, Middle, and East). With the assistance of the AMS and a workgroup leader appointed by the moderator, each workgroup will...

- a. commit to pray;
  - b. study one of the three purpose statements;
  - c. write and implement a clear and concise ministry plan; and
  - d. prepare a 3-4 page report of their findings.
3. Finalize a new organizational plan and documents for the Northshore churches during the July 2024 meeting of the Administrative Council.

*The proposed organization will:*

- a. provide a compelling justification for associating as a network of Baptist churches in the Northshore;
  - b. avoid duplication of Southern Baptist or state convention resources;
  - c. limit full membership to Baptist churches as defined by the current membership standards for churches; and
  - d. continue to encourage fellowship and friendly cooperation with the Louisiana Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.
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### Timeline Summary

- July 25, 2023 – Administrative Council approves preliminary operating rationale.
- August 8, 2023 – “next steps” plan reported to the Executive Board.
- October 2, 2023 – “next steps” plan reported to the Northshore Annual Meeting.

- October 10, 2023 – Administrative Council Workgroups formed and oriented to their work.
- January 31, 2024 – Workgroup ministry plans and budget requests due.
- June 1, 2024 – Workgroups complete at least one event or activity associated with their ministry plan.
- June 28, 2024 – Workgroup Reports Due.

- July 2024 – Administrative Council reviews new organizational plan for a Northshore network of churches.

- August 2024 – Executive Board receives new organizational plan for review and approval.
- October 2024 – Annual Meeting receives proposal for new organizational plan.

**Church Multiplication Team**  
**SweetWater Church of Abita Springs**  
**Progress Report**

About three years ago, Gayla and I set out with two other families to plant a new congregation in Abita Springs. We met in our home to pray and seek the Lord's direction while completing our time as transitional pastor at Ebenezer Baptist Church, Hammond. In order to learn from Lane Corley, our families began worshiping with the Bridge Church.

Our core group determined that we would have a series of "preview services" to introduce SweetWater Church to Abita Springs. One of our core members, Lisa Lange, helped secure the District 11 Recreation Center for our meeting place, where we continue to meet for our weekly gatherings. Learning from Bridge about setting up for a portable church, we secured the equipment necessary for services and a trailer for storing our equipment during the week. We held the first of five monthly preview services on Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021, with 46 in attendance, and our official launch service on September 12, 2021, with 35 in attendance.

We have experienced several victories during our first two years. We have learned that God can take a small group of people (our core group started with five people) and build a community of believers that can reach people with the gospel. Meeting in a gym presents unique challenges, such as the time it takes to set up each week and making sure that the equipment gets loaded onto the trailer properly. However, we discovered that many people will stay to help with the take down, which has turned out to be a great time of fellowship by working together.

In the past couple of years we have baptized five people and have another baptism Sunday scheduled for October. For small group Bible study, we use the Discovery Bible Study (DBS) model and meet in homes. Recently we adapted our DBS lesson and now base it on the Sunday message. This strategy serves to reinforce a single lesson for the congregation for each week.

Last year, we participated in the Pathfinder Program at the Caskey Center for Church Excellence at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Jacob Wubben came to serve as a pastor apprentice. We soon recognized his giftedness as a pastor and moved into the role of co-pastor. We requested that his home church in Starkville, Mississippi, ordain him to the gospel ministry. Jacob preaches at about half of our Sunday gatherings and has taken on other leadership responsibilities. This fall we have been able to add another Pathfinder student, Wade Wilson, as a pastor apprentice. Not only will he preach in some of our services, Wade uses his musical gifts to serve as our worship leader.

Having served as a pastor for more than 40 years, planting this congregation and mentoring two young pastors has produced great satisfaction in my life. We look forward to the day when we will plant another congregation to reach the unreached and share the joy of the Lord. To God be the glory!

Ken Schroeder  
SweetWater Church, Abita Springs



BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRY  
SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA UNIVERSTIY  
2023 ANNUAL REPORT  
Joe Luna, Director

The Baptist College Ministry at Southeastern Louisiana University strives to equip students to be mature followers of Jesus that impact the campus with the Gospel and help transform the world around us.

1. LEADERSHIP TEAM—A total of 15 students serve on the BCM Leadership Team. These students strategize, plan, coordinate, and implement the activities and various ministries at the BCM. This year we are pushing much more the idea of personal discipleship for the student leaders themselves as well as the students that are in their groups. For the first time in my time at Southeastern, students are starting to disciple students. We are currently training 18 students that would like to join leadership.

2. ATTENDANCE—300+ students attended one or more BCM ministries or events so far during the 2023-2024 school year. This is up significantly from last year.

3. FUSE—FUSE is held every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. FUSE is a time of praise and worship followed by the studying of God’s Word. We are averaging 80 students each week. This semester we have added a Coffee House mixer before Fuse every week. This is an opportunity to build relationships over coffee and snacks. This has been a great opportunity for service for some of our inreach team.

4. INREACH TEAM—Inreach is a newer part of our leadership team. They are responsible for greeting new students when they come in for Fuse and Free Lunch as well as making sure people feel tended to during our events. This is lead by one of our leadership team members, but any student is able to join.

5. BIBLE STUDY GROUPS—The BCM sponsors a variety of Bible study groups each week. These Bible studies meet at various times and locations. These Bible studies are led by students who are on the BCM Leadership Team

6. SPARK GROUPS—Spark groups are basically bible studies on steroids. They meet weekly for Bible study but each of the members of the group are encouraged to get into deeper discipleship with the leader. For example, 2 leaders in a group, 10 members in the group, each leader meets in smaller groups for more focused discipleship and life on life ministry. This life on life ministry includes; relational evangelism, mission mobilization, evangelism and prayer on campus, training for leadership, spiritual growth and development. Spark Groups are also tasked with the community apologetic; inviting non-believing friends into social activities with Christians so they can see the love we have for each other.

7. SUMMER MISSIONS—About 20 BCM students served as summer missionaries through the Louisiana Baptist Convention, the North American Mission Board, the International Mission Board, and in various camp settings. This is almost double last year’s number.

8. INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY—BCM is attempting to restart an international ministry. With the help of some of our local churches we are attempting to build bridges in that area, prayer for that would be much appreciated. This year we were able to host an international potluck with over 100 in attendance. We have been successful in reaching out to a number Nigerian students and they are interested in helping us reach more.

9. GO GROUPS—Go groups are small groups of 2 to 3 students that share the gospel on campus with classmates or strangers. There are nearly 30 students involved currently with GO Groups which has had a few main benefits: 1.) We've seen multiple students come to know the Lord through sharing the gospel on campus, 2.) It helps Christian college students sharpen their skills and boldness in sharing the gospel, 3.) Aids in discipleship, 4.) Brings new students into BCM and our local churches by default, 5.) Builds bridges of understanding between BCM students and secular students.

10. Vision moving forward... God has placed a strong desire in me to see students on the campus of SELU be introduced to Jesus and grow into mature followers of Jesus. We have already implemented leadership training for students interested in growing as leaders. We have also implemented impact training to train leaders to engage the culture of the campus and seek the restoration of the broken. That being broken people as well as physical things that can be repaired. My hope is to develop leaders who have a deep desire to become all things to all people so that some may be saved. As that happens, my prayer is that we will see an influx of students that do not have a church background that we can help disciple and send into our local churches to be a blessing and support, thus increasing the overall church attendance in this area.

#### Goals

- To train and equip 20 new leaders that are ready to start leading by the end of the school year.
- To see 15 students surrender their lives to Christ through the ministry of the BCM to campus.
- To see 20 students equipped and sent out to the mission field.
- To start a culture of discipleship that includes evangelism and mission mobilization.
- To build stronger ties with churches in the associations we relate with.
- To see most of the students involved in our spark groups involved in personal discipleship.

I want to thank you for your continued financial support and encouragement. The BCM would not possibly reach our campus if it were not for your support. I would ask that you pray for the BCM staff and students as we impact our campus for Jesus Christ. I would also like to invite you to let us know how we can assist you in your ministry. We would be happy to help you in any way we can.

Joe Luna  
SELU Baptist Collegiate Ministry

## NBA 2023 Financial Report

	Aug-23	YTD	2023 Budget	Percentage
Church Multiplication Total	500.00	6,503.22	\$24,700.00	26%
Evangelism and Missions Total	2,854.16	22,833.28	\$38,750.00	59%
Support Ministries Total	-	-	\$1,250.00	0%
Pastoral Ministries Total	-	-	\$1,000.00	0%
Discipleship Development Total	-	-	\$1,150.00	0%
<b>Administration</b>				
Office	407.11	2,015.40	\$6,000.00	34%
Building & Property	2,196.45	16,767.40	\$29,000.00	58%
Personnel	15,499.10	121,197.50	\$176,506.00	69%
Administration Total	18,102.66	139,980.30	\$211,506.00	66%
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,456.82</b>	<b>169,316.80</b>	<b>\$278,356.00</b>	<b>61%</b>
Beginning Balance	144,424.11	134,298.50		
Expenses	(21,456.82)	(169,316.80)		
Income from Churches	24,125.71	182,111.30		
Additional Income	-	-		
Balance	147,093.00	147,093.00		

### Designated Accounts - August 2023

LBF - NSBA	239,037.92
LBF - Church Multiplication	81,259.63
LBF - Terminated Ministers	20,868.08
LBC - Future Administrative Space	271,431.49
LBF - Disaster Relief	20,057.81
LBF - Block Party Trailer	14,800.57
LBF - Ministerial Benevolence	19,164.85
LBF - Scholarship	19,638.80
LBF - Foundation/Trust (Grace BC)	212,377.92
Vacation Bible School	1,869.18
Pastoral Ministries	9,400.51
	909,906.76

## NBA 2023 Church Contributions

Church	Aug-23	YTD
Albany First Baptist Church	462.36	3,493.98
Antioch Baptist Church	23.21	107.90
Bayou Baptist Church	100.00	400.00
Bedico Baptist Church	461.00	4,511.00
Bethlehem Baptist Church	435.00	2,666.00
Blood River Baptist Church	365.96	2,693.39
Bogue Falaya Baptist Church	-	1,474.37
Bridge Church	100.00	800.00
Calvary Baptist Church	150.00	400.00
Celebration Church - Covington/Mandeville	250.00	2,000.00
Celebration Church - Slidell	250.00	2,000.00
Coburn Baptist Church	-	-
Collins Boulevard Baptist Church	-	450.00
Cornerstone Church*	-	258.74
Countryside Baptist Church	-	-
Covenant Baptist Church	100.00	575.00
Creekside Baptist Church	-	600.00
Cristo para Todos - Iglesia Bautista	-	-
Crossbrand Church	449.28	2,034.36
Crossgate Church	-	100.00
Crossroads Church	562.25	4,498.04
Ebenezer Baptist Church	527.60	2,177.44
Emmaus Baptist Church	-	300.00
Evans Creek Baptist Church	-	966.34
First Baptist Church - Covington	2,916.67	23,333.36
First Baptist Church - Folsom	-	3,647.16
First Baptist Church - Hammond	190.12	1,806.13
First Baptist Church - Independence	100.00	800.00
First Baptist Church - Madisonville	-	-
First Baptist Church - Mandeville	1,250.00	10,000.00
First Baptist Church - Pearl River	405.14	3,516.40
First Baptist Church - Slidell	-	6,266.64
First Baptist Church - Springfield	133.25	382.51
First Baptist Church - Tickfaw	-	-
French Corner Baptist Church	-	1,871.73
Grace Community Church	1,925.82	2,833.07
Grace Fellowship Baptist Church	804.72	2,946.32
Grace Hispanic Mission	-	-
Grace Memorial Baptist Church	777.00	7,873.00
Hebron Baptist Church	300.00	2,400.00
Iglesia Agua Viva	-	-
Iglesia Buenas Nuevas	101.14	815.46
Iglesia Cristo Redentor	83.34	666.62
Immanuel Baptist Church	82.91	771.71
Jerusalem Baptist Church	593.09	4,499.18

## NBA 2023 Church Contributions

Church	Aug-23	YTD
Killian First Baptist Church	-	661.00
Lee Hill Baptist Church	-	-
Lee Valley Baptist Church	-	-
Life Church	-	-
Lighthouse Baptist Church	-	3,686.48
Loranger Baptist Church	-	4,413.14
Manchac Baptist Church	-	-
Midway Baptist Church	-	-
Millville Baptist Church	-	-
Mt. Calvary Baptist Church	90.37	409.66
Natalbany Baptist Church	357.16	2,726.03
New Beginning Baptist Church	-	600.00
New Beulah Baptist Church	170.25	550.30
New Hope Baptist Church	-	-
New Life Community	125.00	875.00
New Zion Baptist Church	-	1,577.55
Northshore Church	916.67	7,333.36
Northside Baptist Church	260.16	2,051.56
Old Zion Hill Baptist Church	472.06	3,623.84
Ponchatoula's First Baptist Church	3,387.59	13,795.97
Red Bluff Baptist Church	-	1,026.53
Redemption Church (Lacombe)	200.00	900.00
Redemption Christian Center	-	-
Ridge Memorial Baptist Church	25.00	125.00
River Fellowship	566.94	2,398.55
Serenity Baptist Church	180.30	609.21
Springville Baptist Church	71.28	540.34
St. James Baptist Church	-	-
Still Water Church	-	-
SweetWater Church	131.93	1,112.61
Tammany Hills Baptist Church	-	1,649.23
Thompson Road Baptist Church	455.30	2,045.58
Trinity Baptist Church	781.00	3,484.00
True Life Church	100.00	800.00
Victory Baptist Church	-	-
Wardline Baptist Church	-	1,500.00
Westside Baptist Church	843.42	6,318.53
Woodhaven Baptist Church	50.00	494.00
Woodland Baptist Church	-	587.76
Woodland Park Baptist Church	1,041.42	9,280.22
TOTAL	24,125.71	182,111.30
*Watch Care		

# Memorials

2022-2023

## **Antioch, Tickfaw**

Margaret Joiner

## **Bethlehem, Albany**

Stewart Blahut

Delton Varnell

Joe Dunn

Ann Landrum

Annie Thompson

Lloyd Rogers

Ronald Sistrunk

## **Bridge Church, Madisonville**

Timothy Duczer

## **Countryside, Tickfaw**

Barbara Creel

## **Creekside, Loranger**

Don Boyd

Nina Boyd

Ray Morgan

Ray Martin

## **Emmaus, Tickfaw**

Kenny Ridgel

## **Evans Creek, Pearl River**

Barton Longman

## **First, Folsom**

James Pittman

James Rogers

## **First, Hammond**

Leo Jones

Lynn Jones

Leslie Spring

Claude Ladner

## **First, Independence**

Barbara Ann Weaver

## **First, Pearl River**

John Gornor

Tracey Hurst

Norma Roby

Arlea Sims

## **First, Slidell**

Billie Giordano

Joan Wells

Jo Ellen Abney

Doretha LaFleur

Liz Merritt

Billy Bucano

Ron Polit

Patty Cocran

Sally Burson

Christina Maddox

Maribeth Fogg

## **Grace Fellowship, Tickfaw**

Randy Cornelius

Nicole McCaffrey

## **Grace Memorial, Slidell**

Betty Verzwylvet

Catherine Franklin

Zenda-Ann Prattini

Betty Wiegand

Marsha Wiggins

Yvonne Zeringue

## **Hebron, Bush**

Louis Casanave

Phillip Talley

Wanda Sessum

Hebert Kahl

Theresa Watts

Jane Jenkins

Alice Guillot

Henrick Joensson

## **Iglesia Bautista Buenas Nuevas, Slidell**

Ana Lily Arias Bruno

## **Jerusalem, Hammond**

Ida Lee Barnum

Phillip Burnett

Lloyd W. Davis III

Irma C. Delaune

Sara Killebrew

Mark Kinchen

Michael Martin

## **New Beulah, Hammond**

Allanna Bennett

Julia "Judy" Lord

Ruby "Petey" Crain

## **Red Bluff, Folsom**

Marilyn Rose Bruhl

## **SweetWater, Abita Springs**

Carl Sandidge

## **Woodhaven, Tickfaw**

Austin Bowers

Pam McKinney Cunningham

## **Woodland Park, Hammond**

Reggie Coffey

Pansey Allen

Dianne Schilling

Norman Addison

**NBA Executive Board Meeting**  
**January 17, 2023**  
First Baptist Church, Mandeville

Opening Prayer: Bro. Ronnie Cooksey opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes: Minutes were presented and passed.

Financial Report: Jay Victory presented the financial report with a summary of overall condition and report was adopted.

Strategist Update: Bro Don Pucik spoke on "Developing a new wineskin for churches working together." He discussed the various models of interaction between churches and associations.

Listening Session: Bro Don presented several questions about how to create interest / excitement for Associational Ministry.

-Dr. David Cranford led discussion on the questions posed:

-Discussion topics:

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|-------------------------|---|
| -intentional fellowship | -healthy churches lead to healthy pastors |
| -SS priority            | -substance abuse counseling               |
| -relationship resources | -distinctive NBA help resources           |

Dr. Cranford shared about upcoming Listening Sessions.

Joe Luna gave an update on work ongoing at BCM and closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectively submitted,  
Eric Hammond  
NBA Clerk

**Northshore Baptist Association**  
**Executive Board Meeting**  
Redemption Church, Lacombe, LA  
August 8, 2023

Present: Waylon Bailey, Randy Boyett, Byron Brown, George Burris, David Cranford, Jim Gilmore, Louis Husser, Josh Jordan, Derek Kitterlin, Dan Munson, Stacie Ray, Don Pucik, Will Robbins, Mitch Williams, and Rickie Wilson.

Moderator David Cranford called the meeting to order.

Redemption Church pastor Byron Brown gave a welcome and lead in prayer.

Minutes were presented and approved as read.

Treasure Rickie Wilson gave the financial report which was approved.

The Administrative Council recommended the adoption of the proposed 2024 budget to be submitted to the annual meeting of the Northshore Baptist Association. Recommendation passed.

A report was given from the Credentials Committee recommending that Christ Community Church, Covington, be placed under watchcare for one year and Cornerstone Church, Ponchatoula, continue under watchcare for the coming year with these petitions for membership to be resolved during the 2024 Annual Meeting.

Don Pucik gave a report and presented a proposal from the Administrative Council for the next steps of "Rethinking the Association" with focus on "Working together to fulfill the Great Commission in the Northshore and beyond by..."

- Encouraging the spiritual vitality, ministry competencies, and the personal well-being of pastors;
- Promoting church health through collaborative learning and best practices; and
- Developing communicating opportunities for cooperative ministry efforts.

David Cranford shared an encouraging word and closed the meeting with prayer.

Submitted by:  
Kathy Cason  
Administrative Assistant



**Northshore Baptist Association  
Annual Meeting  
October 2, 2023  
First Baptist Church, Folsom**

**Welcome / Prayer**

Will Robbins opened the meeting with prayer.

**Call to Order and Seating of Messengers**

David Cranford made a motion to accept the messengers present and it passed in the affirmative.

**Executive Board Recommendations**

Dr. Cranford presented the Proposed Budget as printed for the 2024 year and it passed unanimously.

Dr. Cranford presented the Nominating Committee report and it passed unanimously.

**Credentials Committee Report**

Committee recommendation #1 was presented and adopted unanimously.

Committee recommendation #2 was presented and adopted unanimously.

**Mission Strategist Report**

Don Pucik presented the mission strategy report with an emphasis on the “new rationale.” Encouraged churches toward a fresh conviction to work together and expressed hope to come together next year with a specific plan toward this end.

**Recognition and Appreciation Segment**

Dr. Cranford recognized associational members of various teams whose terms were ending and thanked them for their service.

**Closing Prayer**

Don Pucik closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectively submitted,  
Eric Hammond  
NBA Clerk

# Northshore Baptist Association Constitution

## Article I: Name

The name of this Association shall be the Northshore Baptist Association (NSBA).

## Article II: Purpose Statement

Northshore Baptist Association is a partnership of member Baptist churches organized for ministry, missions, fellowship, and the equipping of member churches in their local communities and throughout the world. The purpose of the NSBA is to assist member churches to glorify God by cooperating in Kingdom ministries to fulfill the Great Commission. We value biblical authority, compassionate ministries, cooperation, excellence, healthy churches, kingdom growth, and prayer.

## Article III: Membership

- The Northshore Baptist Association shall determine its own membership. The NSBA shall be comprised of cooperating member Baptist churches. A member Baptist church is defined as a local congregation of baptized believers who in spirit and practice contribute to and support the ideals and ministries of the NSBA.
- Participation in the Annual Meeting of the NSBA shall be as follows: Each member church shall be entitled to three messengers for the first one hundred members and one additional messenger for each additional hundred members. No church shall be entitled to more than ten messengers for any session. The NSBA will elect four officers annually: Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer. No person may serve as the Moderator for more than two successive terms. Officers will begin their term of service at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting and will continue through the following Annual Meeting.
- Any church wishing to affiliate with the NSBA may present a letter of petition to the Executive Board at any regular session of business. This letter shall be referred to the Credentials Committee, appointed by the Moderator, which shall present a recommendation at the Annual NSBA Meeting. Any church seeking membership with the NSBA, which is not a mission or church plant sponsored by a church in the NSBA, must first be taken under the watch care of the NSBA for one year. While under watch care, the church will be invited and expected to participate fully and contribute to the ideals and ministries of the NSBA. The petitioning church will not be seated as messengers of the Annual Association Meeting, nor will the members be eligible to be elected to NSBA leadership positions. At the conclusion of the year, the Credentials Committee will make further recommendations to the NSBA as are deemed appropriate.
- It shall be the duty of each church to complete the Annual Church Profile and submit it to the NSBA Clerk and make regular financial contributions to the ministries of the NSBA through the Treasurer.

#### **Article IV: Doctrine**

- The current Baptist Faith & Message as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention shall be the statement of faith for the Northshore Baptist Association.

#### **Article V: Authority**

- The Northshore Baptist Association is an autonomous body and therefore reserves the right to determine its own policies and direct its own business. The Operations Manual shall be the guide for the normal operational practices of the NSBA.

#### **Article VI: Executive Board**

- The Executive Board shall consist of the pastor and one additional member from each member church, church plant, and mission church within the NSBA. The Director of Missions and Ministries shall serve as Ex-officio member of the Executive Board. Each church shall have the power to select her representative on the Board and should regularly named representative for any reason be unable to attend a meeting of the Board, shall have the authority to designate an alternate to represent her interest.
- The Executive Board shall conduct the business of the NSBA during two regular scheduled meetings. The moderator may call other meetings as necessary with prior written notice of two weeks.
- The current edition of *Roberts Rules of Order, Revised* shall be the parliamentary guide for official meetings of the Association.
- The members of the Executive Board present shall constitute a quorum.

#### **Article VII: Amendments**

- The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote at any Annual Meeting provided the member churches are notified of the proposed amendment in writing thirty days before the meeting.

## **MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR NORTSHORE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

### **BAPTIST STANDARDS**

One of the purposes of an Association is to maintain biblical, theological, and ecclesiastical integrity among Baptists. While the Association cannot tell a church what its beliefs and practices should be, the Association can insist that any member church meet certain standards that define a Baptist church. Credential requirements and a screening committee are necessary for associational churches to maintain relationships with churches of like faith, order, and practice. Northshore Baptist Association extends membership only to churches that meet Associational standards for faith, practice, and order. Any member church that no longer meets these standards will be subject to dismissal.

The basic theological and ecclesiastical order expressed in the Baptist Faith and Message is our test for membership. All member churches will subscribe to or affirm the current Baptist Faith and Message as our doctrinal standard. Other, more specific criteria used to measure like faith, order, and practice include the following:

- The Bible is our sole authority of faith and practice.
- A Baptist church is a body of baptized believers.
- Baptism is by water immersion upon confession of faith in Christ.
- The Lord's Supper commemorates the death of Christ and causes us to remember the cross and helps us to anticipate his second coming.
- Northshore Baptist Association encourages cooperation with the Louisiana Baptist Convention and Southern Baptist Convention.
- Scriptural officers of a church are pastors/elders and deacons. We believe churches are pastor/elder-led, deacon-served, and congregationally governed, all under the headship of Christ. Member churches must be able to demonstrate congregational engagement in church governance through democratic processes.

A Credentials Committee will be appointed annually by the Moderator and presented at the Annual Meeting. The Chairperson of the Committee shall be a member of the Northshore Baptist Association Administrative Council. The Committee shall consider all petitions for membership into the Association on the basis of the requirements listed in the NBA Constitution, Article III: Membership. In addition, the Committee shall annually review and assess the level of cooperation of existing member churches.

### **Definition of A Cooperating Church**

A cooperating church in the Association shall be defined as one which does the following:

1. contributes financially to support the work of the Association,
2. reports to the Association each year in a timely fashion using the Annual Church Profile,

3. elects messengers to the annual meeting of the Association, and
4. participates in cooperating ministries.

Failure to maintain meaningful participation through these means for a period of two years in succession shall invite inquiries from the Credentials Committee as to the church's future intentions regarding participation in the Association.

## **CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

### **Admission of Churches to the Association**

Churches may become affiliated with the Association by following the procedure outlined below:

- A letter of petition should be filed with the leadership of Northshore Baptist Association at least ninety days prior to the annual meeting.
- The Credentials Committee of the Association shall study the request and determine whether or not the church is of like faith, order, and practice and provide a copy of the Baptist Faith and Message to the church.
- Upon the recommendation of the Credentials Committee and a majority vote of the messengers at the annual meeting, the church shall be admitted to watchcare status for a period of one year, unless there is reason to extend this time period.
- During the time of watch care, the Credentials Committee shall (1) counsel with the pastor and leadership of the church, (2) visit the church as observers during different services at least semi- annually, and (3) meet periodically with the congregation and explain the rights, privileges, benefits, and responsibilities of membership in the Association. Opportunities for discussion should be a major feature of these meetings.
- Upon the recommendation of the Credentials Committee and a majority vote of the messengers at the subsequent annual meeting, the church may be moved from watch care status to membership in the Association.

### **Churches on Probationary Status**

When a serious question has been raised about a member church's faith, order, or practice, the Credentials Committee will investigate the charges and bring a report of its findings at the next meeting of the Association or Executive Board.

- The Credentials Committee shall investigate and present a recommendation that the church be: 1) Absolved of the charges, if based on erroneous information; 2) Restored, if the church has corrected the problem; 3) Placed on probationary status for a period of one year, in hopes the problem can be corrected. Two-thirds vote of the messengers or Executive Board members present shall be necessary to place a church on probation.

- Messengers from a church that is under scrutiny by the Association shall not be allowed to vote on matters to come before the body until the church has been cleared of the charges made against it. This prohibition includes matters related to its own status in the Association.
- Should a member church be placed on probationary status, the Credentials Committee shall continue to dialogue with the church and encourage renunciation of the aberrant faith, order, or practice.
- Upon completion of the probationary period, the Credentials Committee shall recommend that the church be restored to membership in the Association along with any necessary contingencies or dismissed from the Association because of aberrant faith, order, or practice.

### **Withdrawal or Dismissal of Churches**

Churches may voluntarily withdraw from fellowship in the Association by giving notice of their desire to the Association Office.

The Association may dismiss churches for just causes. Dismissal must follow a recommendation from the Credentials Committee and the approval of two-thirds of the messengers present and voting at the annual meeting.

Revised 10/3/2022

## 2023 Membership Information

Congregation	Organized	Total Members	Resident Members	Total Baptisms	Other Additions	Worship Attendance	SS Enrollment	SS Average Attendance	VBS Enrollment
Agua Viva, Pearl River	2015								
Antioch, Tickfaw	1890	150	76	2	0	25	7	7	0
Bayou, Sidel	1957	75	75	0	0	50	30	30	
Bedco, Ponchatoula	1951	962	962	20	7	268	350	190	275
Bethlehem, Albany	1875	715	292	20	15	170	109	109	100
Blood River, Albany	1932	545	128	11	0	80	35	35	50
Bogue Falaya, Folsom	1858	318	295	0	5	69	101	41	35
Calvary, Sidel	1959	787	58	1	2	25	10	10	0
Celebration Church, Mandeville	2017								
Celebration, Sidel	2012								
Coburn, Hammond	1974	25	25	0	0	25	0	0	
Collins Boulevard, Covington	1964	100	100	1	0	70	40	40	20
Countryside, Tickfaw	1983	5	5	0	0	6	0	0	0
Covenant, Sidel	2005								
Creekside, Loranger	1987	37	37	0	0	25	10	10	
Cristo para Todos, Natchitoches	1993								
Cross Brand Cowboy, Loranger	2008								
Crossgate First, Robert	1959	525	45	7	4	35	0	0	
Crossroads, Hammond	2002	120	116	5	0	135	90	90	57
Ebenezer, Hammond	1922								
Emmaus, Tickfaw	1983	45	45	5	0	45	0	0	0
Evans Creek, Pearl River	1910	94	76	3	2	45	42	37	60
First, Albany	1963								
First, Covington	1904	6,956	5,519	124	144	2,425	7,705	1,692	1,754
First, Folsom	1908	422	275	7	8	143	144	91	126
First, Hammond	1888	110	93	2	6	68	30	30	28
First, Independence	1910	149	149	0	0	40	14	5	0
First, Madisonville	1942								
First, Mandeville	1878	567	456	5	25	271	244	244	244
First, Pearl River	1912	163	158	16	2	95	54	54	110
First, Ponchatoula	1915	841	841	34	14	382	475	173	351
First, Sidel	1893	1,316	1,266	26	18	409	739	316	472
First, Springfield	1938								
First, Tickfaw	1958								

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Congregation	Organized	Total Members	Resident Members	Total Baptisms	Other Additions	Worship Attendance	SS Enrollment	SS Average Attendance	VBS Enrollment
French Corner, Ponchatoula	1949								
Grace Community, Mandeville	2006	6	6	0	0	6	6	6	0
Grace Fellowship, Tickfaw	2017	31	31	1	4	50	23	23	0
Grace Memorial, Slidell	1968	303	300	14	4	227	489	210	194
Hebron, Bush	1831	605	495	10	6	77	45	45	78
Iglesia Bautista Buenas Nuevas, Slidell	2011	70	70	6	8	70	61	54	0
Iglesia Cristo Redentor, Mandeville	2007	33	33	3	0	35	46	15	50
Immanuel, Hammond	1983								
Jerusalem, Hammond	1902	740	738	5	16	95	72	36	39
Killian First, Springfield	1939								
Lee Hill, Folsom	1984								
Lee Valley, Loranger	1921								
Life Church, Mandeville	1997	291	150	10	0	110	0	0	0
Lighthouse, Independence	1946								
Loranger, Loranger	1956	501	498	3	0	175	87	85	79
Manchac, Akers	1984								
Midway, Ponchatoula	1980	35	35	1	0	30	26	20	0
Millville, Ponchatoula	1961								
Mt Calvary, Independence	1955								
Natalbany, Natalbany	1905	395	333	22	5	100	15	15	30
New Beginning, Bush	1996								
New Beulah, Hammond	1859	400	100	4	2	35	14	14	8
New Hope, Independence	1886								
New Life Community, Covington	2016	61	61	5	19	49	48	35	
New Zion, Covington	1905	1,477	1,340	31	21	305	651	247	255
Northshore, Slidell	2001	478	478	27	0	420	165	165	
Northside, Slidell	1981								
Old Zion Hill, Independence	1832	820	650	82	47	320	187	176	254
Red Bluff, Folsom	1957	431	173	6	1	66	87	27	69
Redemption Christian Center, Hammond	1987								
Redemption, Lacombe	1925	171	167	5	8	222	129	129	211
Ridge Memorial, Slidell	1956								
River Fellowship, Hammond	2017								
Serenity, Tickfaw	2018								



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Congregation	Organized	Total Members	Resident Members	Total Baptisms	Other Additions	Worship Attendance	SS Enrollment	SS Average Attendance	VBS Enrollment
Springville, Livingston	1944								
St James, Madisonville	1990								
Still Water, Hammond	2005								
SweetWater, Abita Springs	2021	26	26	3	8	29	36	26	0
Tammany Hills, Covington	1983	61	51	3	0	35	28	9	
The Bridge Church, Madisonville	2009	75	75	5	1	90	85	75	0
Thompson Road, Sildell	2003								
Trinity, Hammond	1953	579	396	20	15	190	140	140	83
True Life, Sildell	2008								
Victory, Hammond	1986								
Wardline, Hammond	1963	140	74	3	0	22	18	18	0
Westside, Ponchatoula	1983	268	200	5	34	132	215	64	142
Woodhaven, Tickfaw	1925	286	257	0	0	34	33	16	
Woodland Park, Hammond	1945	1,567	1,408	6	32	294	384	192	189
Woodland, Springfield	1947								
<b>Northshore Baptist Association</b>		<b>24,877</b>	<b>19,237</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>8,124</b>	<b>13,319</b>	<b>5,046</b>	<b>5,363</b>

## 2023 Financial Information

Congregation	Undesig. Receipts	Total Receipts	Association Expenditures	Total SBC Expenditures	Total Expenditures
Agua Viva, Pearl River					
Antioch, Tickfaw	\$15,134	\$15,134	\$149	\$220	\$369
Bayou, Slidell					
Bedico, Ponchatoula	\$620,900	\$656,280	\$8,163	\$97,322	\$100,482
Bethlehem, Albany	\$440,228	\$469,121	\$4,402	\$46,373	\$54,489
Blood River, Albany	\$398,400				
Bogue Falaya, Folsom	\$186,073	\$212,988	\$3,339	\$5,984	\$13,399
Calvary, Slidell	\$107,060	\$922,605	\$800	\$13,790	\$13,791
Celebration Church, Mandeville/Covington					
Celebration, Slidell					
Coburn, Hammond					
Collins Boulevard, Covington					
Countryside, Tickfaw					
Covenant, Slidell					
Creekside, Loranger	\$54,600	\$54,600		\$1,500	\$1,000
Cristo para Todos, Natalbany					
Cross Brand Cowboy, Loranger					
Crossgate First, Robert	\$8,500	\$86,000		\$2,400	\$3,200
Crossroads, Hammond	\$335,000	\$368,000	\$7,055	\$16,355	\$21,885
Ebenezer, Hammond					
Emmaus, Tickfaw					
Evans Creek, Pearl River	\$82,721	\$86,615	\$1,599	\$10,048	\$10,993
First, Albany					
First, Covington	\$8,859,778	\$11,210,095	\$69,341	\$678,664	\$900,978
First, Folsom	\$328,073	\$426,160	\$6,563	\$19,690	\$40,940
First, Hammond	\$208,302	\$235,402	\$0	\$295	\$295
First, Independence	\$48,588	\$55,177	\$1,200	\$2,750	\$5,870
First, Madisonville					
First, Mandeville	\$721,133	\$804,069	\$15,000	\$59,504	\$67,904
First, Pearl River	\$281,779	\$300,919	\$5,715	\$34,659	\$41,186
First, Ponchatoula	\$1,017,108	\$3,092,094	\$20,339	\$106,977	\$120,425
First, Slidell	\$1,447,491	\$1,727,488	\$9,400	\$165,417	\$188,748
First, Springfield					
First, Tickfaw					
French Corner, Ponchatoula					
Grace Community, Mandeville	\$20,210	\$20,710	\$1,749	\$3,999	\$5,748
Grace Fellowship, Tickfaw	\$67,445	\$67,445	\$5,241	\$5,241	\$16,778
Grace Memorial, Slidell	\$861,672	\$1,040,773	\$11,698	\$104,202	\$117,303
Hebron, Bush	\$236,505	\$243,536	\$3,600	\$22,811	\$22,835
Iglesia Bautista Buenas Nuevas, Slidell	\$40,773	\$34,901	\$815	\$7,553	\$7,553
Iglesia Cristo Redentor, Mandeville	\$84,201	\$84,581	\$380	\$3,257	\$3,257
Immanuel, Hammond					
Jerusalem, Hammond	\$214,660	\$246,008	\$15,026	\$18,101	\$33,069
Killian First, Springfield					

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Congregation	Undesig. Receipts	Total Receipts	Association Expenditures	Total SBC Expenditures	Total Expenditures
Lee Hill, Folsom					
Lee Valley, Loranger					
Life Church, Mandeville					
Lighthouse, Independence					
Loranger, Loranger	\$248,426	\$292,453	\$8,377	\$19,546	\$33,772
Manchac, Akers					
Midway, Ponchatoula	\$4,050	\$28,000	\$0	\$900	\$950
Millville, Ponchatoula					
Mt Calvary, Independence					
Natalbany, Natalbany	\$173,608		\$1,817	\$2,612	\$12,259
New Beginning, Bush					
New Beulah, Hammond	\$86,522	\$101,546	\$6,426	\$11,934	\$19,304
New Hope, Independence					
New Life Community, Covington	\$103,051	\$133,884	\$1,500	\$3,800	\$5,000
New Zion, Covington	\$791,440	\$995,764	\$5,213	\$92,424	\$113,573
Northshore, Slidell	\$1,162,787	\$1,179,591	\$11,000	\$36,000	\$76,594
Northside, Slidell					
Old Zion Hill, Independence	\$472,217	\$625,926	\$3,417	\$37,290	\$48,875
Red Bluff, Folsom	\$202,779	\$231,556	\$1,513	\$25,223	\$28,991
Redemption Christian Center, Hammond					
Redemption, Lacombe	\$601,598	\$726,785	\$1,200	\$45,310	\$47,210
Ridge Memorial, Slidell					
River Fellowship, Hammond					
Serenity, Tickfaw					
Springville, Livingston					
St James, Madisonville					
Still Water, Hammond					
SweetWater, Abita Springs	\$59,589	\$63,489	\$1,423	\$9,366	\$11,689
Tammany Hills, Covington	\$51,859	\$57,153	\$500	\$500	\$500
The Bridge Church, Madisonville	\$104,498	\$104,498	\$1,200	\$8,450	\$16,650
Thompson Road, Slidell					
Trinity, Hammond					
True Life, Slidell					
Victory, Hammond					
Wardline, Hammond	\$43,217	\$43,217	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Westside, Ponchatoula	\$363,999	\$433,812	\$9,134	\$32,882	\$44,096
Woodhaven, Tickfaw	\$151,021	\$151,021	\$758	\$1,766	\$1,766
Woodland Park, Hammond	\$714,395	\$824,881	\$14,221	\$85,312	\$96,335
Woodland, Springfield					
<b>Northshore Baptist Association</b>	<b>\$22,021,390</b>	<b>\$28,454,277</b>	<b>\$262,273</b>	<b>\$1,843,427</b>	<b>\$2,353,061</b>

# Church Historical Highlights

## **Countryside, Tickfaw**

- We currently stand with more brother and sisters that has already passed on to be with the Lord than we have in attendance each week. One of the original members of the church passed on just two months ago leaving only one original member left.

## **Evans Creek, Pearl River**

- Homecoming 2023
- VBS 2023

## **First, Independence**

- Had to remove addition to the main building constructed in 1955 due to structure failure.

## **First, Pearl River**

- Revival held with an average of 96 in attendance.
- Held a Mardi Gras Outreach where we cooked and served 400 hotdogs and handed out about 600 bottles of water. We distributed 150 Gideon bibles and shared the gospel with many individuals.
- Celebrated the 4th of July by offering hot dogs, water, and dessert and a place to watch the fireworks with our community.
- Fishers of Men ministry started with providing food and water with a Gideon's bible to the men at a local fishing tournament on a monthly basis throughout the summer.
- Previous pastor and wife called to Italy as missionaries.

## **Grace Fellowship, Tickfaw**

- Remodeled sanctuary.
- Organized a food pantry ministry, nursing home ministry, and clothing ministry.
- Sent missionary to Africa.

## **Loranger, Loranger**

- Working on new multi-purpose building.

## **New Life Community, Covington**

- Celebrated our 7th anniversary, restarted all of children's and youth ministry since COVID. Took our first overnight children's trip to camp.

## **Old Zion Hill, Independence**

- Blessing of the Hunt
- Youth DNOW
- Fall Festival
- Baby Dedication
- Women's Conference
- Operation Christmas Child
- Christmas Student Musical
- Float, serving hot chocolate & picture taking at local Christmas Parade

- Tried-N-True (Senior Adults Ministry)
- Uniquely Blessed Ministry (special needs)
- Every Man A Warrior Disciple Groups
- Mission Appreciation Day
- Sunday FunDay at Camp Living Waters
- College Ministry Mission Trip to Oregon
- Alaska (VBS) Mission Trip
- Sports Camp
- Blessing of the Back Packs
- Revival/South Louisiana Awakening
- Livingston Parish Talented Theatre - Production of Beauty & The Beast at OZH (outreach),
- Formed Youth Worship Team, KIDS Blast, RA's, GA's, Mission Friends, Grief Share

**SweetWater, Abita Springs**

- Conducted a community block party in conjunction with the SBC Annual Meeting in New Orleans.
- Added a pastoral staff member in September.

**The Bridge Church, Madisonville**

- Our church legally registered with the State of Louisiana under the name Bridge Northshore Baptist Church.

**Trinity, Hammond**

- Celebrated 70th Homecoming.

**Westside, Ponchatoula**

- Deacon Dan Burchfield passed away.

**Woodland Park, Hammond**

- Kerry Klein ordained as deacon, Chris Rushing ordained as deacon, Johnny Skinner installed as deacon, Brian Zawadniak installed as deacon.