

Identifying Pastoral Expectations

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by Don Pucik on Page 3

Prayer Boot Camp with Claude King

a flexible prayer training experience to provide basic training in prayer and to introduce the weapons of our spiritual warfare.

Monday, April 8

9:30 a.m. - Noon

New Zion Baptist Church

17387 New Zion Church Road, Covington

<https://louisianabaptists.org/event/2019-prayer-bootcamp-northshore-baptist-association/>

or call Jessica at 800.622.6549



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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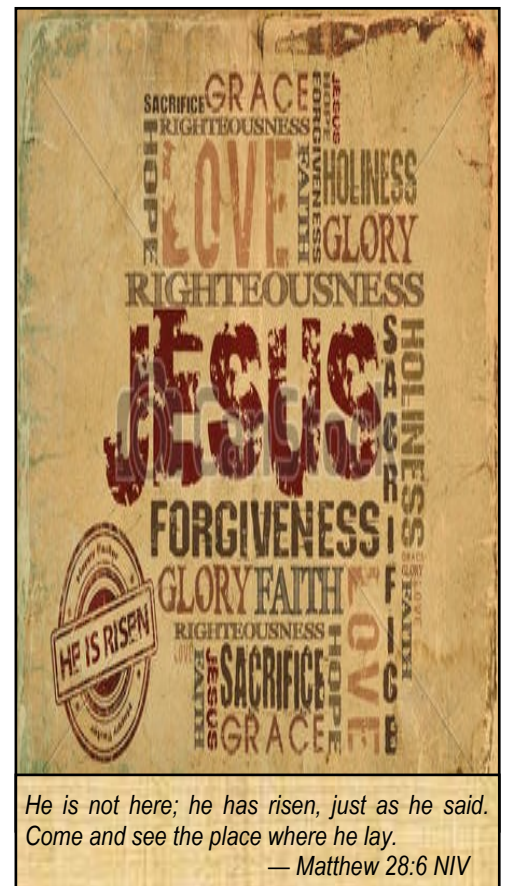
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Northshore Baptist churches, we are in need of your partnership. World Changers is coming to our area to serve people by rehabbing homes July 9-12. We need you to identify someone in your community that could use assistance. The types of projects World Changers has completed in the past are:

- Wheel chair ramps
- Porches
- Siding and painting
- Debris and landscape clean up
- Replacing doors and windows
- And many others

If you will identify someone in need, and then sponsor that project financially by providing the supplies (the labor is free), we believe God will do great things! If you have any questions please contact Josh Jordan at jjordan@fbccov.org or 985.590.9113. Please have the homeowner fill out an application (e-mail office@northshorebaptists.net to request an application) and return it to the Northshore Office or FBC Covington, c/o Josh Jordan, 16333 Highway 1085, Covington, LA 70433.



He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.
Come and see the place where he lay.

— Matthew 28:6 NIV

Northshore Church News

● **Grace Memorial (Slidell)** adult and youth choirs and orchestra will present “Road to Calvary” on Palm Sunday, April 14, at 10:15 a.m. The Preschool choir will sing and the children’s choir will present their spring musical on Sunday, May 5, at 10:15 a.m. Dennis Phelps is interim pastor.

● **Trinity (Hammond)** will present their Easter choir special on Sunday, April 14, at 10:45 a.m. The Children’s Choir Easter special will be presented Sunday, April 21, at 10:45 a.m. Wade Hammond will be in concert on Sunday, April 28, at 5:30 p.m. The concert is free. A love offering will be taken. **HIS KIDS** Activity Time, a special needs ministry for ages 10-25, will meet from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, May 11. This will be a fun-filled time of crafts, music, and games. For more information contact Christie Williamson, director, at 985.320.1091. A joint sunrise service will be held at Jerusalem Baptist Church at 7:30 a.m. on April 21. Avery Dixon is pastor.

● **Woodland Park (Hammond)** will host DivorceCare Support Group Series beginning Wednesday, May 1, at 6 p.m. For more information or to register to attend call 985.345.4013, e-mail divorcecaregrp@gmail.com, or go to www.divorcecare.org. Pastor is Tim Moffett.

● **First (Slidell) HisKids** Children’s and Preschool ministries will have an **Easter Egg Hunt** on Wednesday, April 17, at 6 p.m. on the back lawn. The FBC Choir and Orchestra will present a special program on **Easter Sunday**, April 21, at 10 a.m. in the Worship Center. The **Senior Baccalaureate Service** will be on Sunday, May 5, starting at 8:30 a.m. in the gym for breakfast followed by the service at 10:00 a.m. Registration is open for **Kids Kamp Summer Camp**. The dates for camp are May 28 through July 26.

Registration packets and prices are available in the church office. Please see the *KidsKamp Summer Camp* Facebook page (www.facebook.com/FBC-Slidell-LA-272459771023) for more information or go to the church website at www.fbcslidell.org/kids-camp/ to register. Senior Adult **Sonshine Club** meets the last Friday of every month at 12 noon for lunch, devotions, and a guest speaker. Reservations are required by the Monday before the meeting. The next two meetings are April 26 and May 31. Pastor is Casey Stark.

● **Ridge Memorial (Slidell)** pastor Paul Dabdoub reports the church has been having some great services with many decisions being made at the altar during the invitation. One young 25 year old man got born again and was baptized on Sunday, March 24. The church is getting ready for the National Graduation of Slidell Baptist Seminary. The seminary has over 2000 students. Around 35 graduates are expected to participate in the graduation on June 2. It is an exciting thing for the church as they get to meet graduates from all over the United States as well as feed them. The church has a banquet every year after the morning service on Sunday.

● **Covenant (Slidell)** is an IABC Certified Counseling Center and offers certification training on Sundays and Tuesdays. Biblical counseling is offered to those in the community free of charge. Call 985.643.9438 to schedule an appointment. A “New Beginnings Class,” teaching new converts and young Christians the fundamentals of the Christian faith and their applications to their new life in Christ, is taught on Sundays. This class is open to anyone who would like to attend. Robby James is pastor.

● **Loranger (Loranger)** VBS will be June 7-9. Mike Hegwood is pastor.

● **First (Hammond)** VBS will be June 5-9. Jeff Robinson is pastor.



NSBA Annual Meeting

Monday, October 7

First Baptist Church
525 E. Pine Street
Ponchatoula, LA

Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 13
10:00 a.m.
Location: TBD

ShoreLines

By Don Pucik
Association Mission Strategist

Recently, I asked a group of seasoned veterans in ministry to identify pastoral expectations that they believe have intensified in recent years. Here is a brief sampling of the *runaway expectations* they identified.

To Know Everything. We know the Bible reveals that our Father knows all things, but it seems some church members believe their pastors possess the same supernatural ability! A pastor offered this example of an actual conversation that took place as he was walking to the platform to preach:

Deacon: Did you know that George was in the hospital over the weekend?

Me: No, I didn't know. No one let me know.

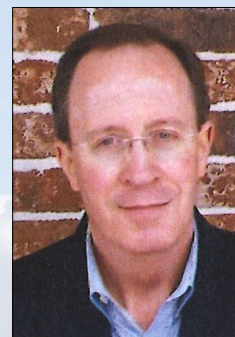
Deacon: Well, did you go visit him?

Me: No. I didn't know he was in the hospital. Did you know he was in the hospital?

Deacon: Yes.

Me: Well, then why didn't you call me to let me know?

Deacon: That's not my responsibility. You're supposed to know these things.



Don Pucik

To Be Available 24/7. Just as pastors can't know everything, they can't be everywhere. Pastors cannot "attend all gatherings and activities of the various groups in the church." He must reserve time for himself, his family, his study, and his own time alone with God. A pastor writes, that "many churches expect pastors to preach and serve with little regard for how the ministry time and expectations to produce place a burden upon the pastor's personal family time."

To Preach Like Someone Else. With the proliferation of sermon archives on the internet, church members can watch a video or listen to a podcast of an outstanding speaker, and then immediately recommend their experience through social media. It's easy for a pastor to feel his preaching is inadequate in comparison. He forgets that in addition to sermon preparation, he has committee meetings, counseling appointments, building maintenance, calendar planning, and hospital visits that take up his time. As one pastor observed, "popular preachers, whose messages are delivered via media... (typically) do not bear the daily pressures of congregational ministry."

To Cause the Church Grow Numerically. Because a church owns property, collects contributions, and tracks attendance, members can conclude that the church is an organization like any other business. Since the pastor is a paid employee of the church, he is expected to focus on the success of the "business" by attracting more members. In a consumer-driven environment where people "attend worship only because of what they can get from it," the pastor is faced with the constant threat of losing members to a more "successful" pastor at a nearby church. A pastor explained: "I think we spend more time than ever figuring out how to reach and catch the attention of our church members." The average pastor is facing a growing "emphasis on programs and activities that draw people to the church and an increased pressure to bring in the people and move the numbers." Growing the organization can quickly become more important than growing people as genuine Christ-followers!

Runaway expectations are those inner unspoken and unwritten standards that can become the agenda for every moment of a pastor's life. Considering the pressures and demands he is experiencing would you pause a moment and pray for the heart of your pastor? Ask the Father to encourage Him today. (DP)

P.S. Would you like to read more about the problem of runaway expectations in the life of a pastor? Check out the full article at <https://equippingsaints.com/2019/04/01/thebeatdown>



Mark Your Calendar

Northshore Baptist Association

APRIL 2019

- 1 Ministry Assistants' Conference
- 8 Prayer Boot Camp with Claude King (see page 1 for details)
- 12-13 Literacy Missions ESL Workshop @ Williams Boulevard, Kenner (see this page for details)
- 13 Missions Ready Conference (see this page for details)
- 19 Good Friday (Northshore office closed)
- 21 Easter
- 24 Administrative Professionals Day
- 29-30 Small Church Children's Director Training <https://louisianabaptists.org/event/2019-small-church-childrens-director-training/>

MAY 2019

- 2 Church Multiplication Ready (see this page for details)
- 4 M-JAM @ Tall Timbers www.louisianabaptists.org/event/m-jam-woodworth
- 12 Mother's Day
- 18 Meet, Greet, Share for WMU and Ladies Ministry Leaders @ Camp Living Waters, 10 a.m.-noon
- 27 Memorial Day (Northshore office closed)

MEET, GREET, SHARE

WMU/Ladies Ministry Leaders Saturday, May 18

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Camp Living Waters

21230 Living water Rd, Loranger

MEET:

Rev. Don Pucik

*Northshore Baptist Association
Mission Strategist*

Scott Mercer

Camp Living Waters Director

Come ready to share your great mission projects with everyone.

We all need fresh inspiration for our groups.

RSVP by May 12 at 225.567.5086 or
office@northshorebaptists.net

LBC Events

Literacy Missions ESL Workshop



April 12-13
6-9 p.m. Friday *and*
8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday

Williams Boulevard Baptist Church
3000 Williams Blvd, Kenner

This training is a workshop designed to equip volunteers to teach English as a Second Language (ESL) as a mission outreach program. Most church members can participate since trainers can teach conversational English without knowing other languages. ESL is an excellent tool that could be used to reach out to immigrants and internationals. The workshop is \$5.00 and includes meals and a copy of the "Teaching English Language Learners the Good News" manual. For more information or to register contact Shannon Brown at 504shannonbrown@gmail.com or 504.345.5208

<https://louisianabaptists.org/event/literacy-missions-esl-workshop/>

2019 Missions Ready Conference

Saturday, April 13

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Tall Timbers Conference Center
10218 Highway 165 South, Forest Hill

Large Church?

Medium Church?

Small Church?

No, all churches, all nations!!!!

Who will be there? IMB, NAMB, SBTC, and Louisiana Baptists and representatives from LBC Mission Partnerships. Join us for a time of worship, training (workshops), information exchange, encouragement and challenge. There is limited lodging available at Tall Timbers should you desire to arrive on Friday the 12th. Lunch is included.

<https://louisianabaptists.org/event/2019-missions-ready-conference/>

2019 Multiplication Ready – Baton Rouge

Thursday, May 2

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Baptist Association of Greater Baton Rouge Office
10560 Airline Highway, Baton Rouge

Church Multiplication is the natural outcome of growing disciples in a growing church. Healthy disciples and churches multiply themselves through new disciples, new leaders, new groups, new ministries, and eventually, new off-campus ministries and congregations. Gather with multiplication leaders from across Louisiana to discern your personal readiness and your churches readiness for multiplication. Lunch is included. For more information email

Lane.Corley@LouisianaBaptists.org

<https://louisianabaptists.org/event/2019-multiplication-ready-baton-rouge/>

We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God granted to the churches of Macedonia [NSBA]: 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 NSBA defines a member church as one which does the following (among other things):
Contributes financially to support the work of the Association.

	<i>Jan-Feb</i>	<i>YTD</i>		<i>Jan-Feb</i>	<i>YTD</i>		<i>Jan-Feb</i>	<i>YTD</i>
Albany First	1,051.53	1,051.53	Killian First	403.97	403.97	Trinity	853.00	853.00
Antioch	51.47	51.47	Lee Hill	418.94	418.94	True Life	200.00	200.00
Bayou	50.00	50.00	Lee Valley	-0-	-0-	Victory	-0-	-0-
Bedico	321.00	321.00	Life	-0-	-0-	Wadesboro	-0-	-0-
Bethlehem	1,452.00	1,452.00	Lighthouse	217.00	217.00	Wardline	425.00	425.00
Blood River	529.88	529.88	Loranger	1,120.33	1,120.33	Westside	330.80	330.80
Bogue Falaya	833.32	833.32	Louisiana	-0-	-0-	Woodhaven	79.00	79.00
Boots N Saddles	7.52	7.52	Manchac	-0-	-0-	Woodland	237.00	237.00
Calvary	100.00	100.00	Mandeville's First	1,374.54	1,374.54	Woodland Park	2,355.51	2,355.51
Celebration (Cov/Mand)	300.00	300.00	Midway	-0-	-0-	*Grace Fellowship	179.25	179.25
Celebration (Slidell)	300.00	300.00	Millville	407.00	407.00	TOTAL	44,780.15	44,780.15
Coburn	-0-	-0-	Mt. Calvary	-0-	-0-			
Collins Blvd.	150.00	150.00	Natalbany	1,698.99	1,698.99	Expenditures	40,940.73	40,940.73
Countryside	75.00	75.00	New Beginning	-0-	-0-	Church Receipts	44,780.15	44,780.15
Covenant	40.00	40.00	New Beulah	243.78	243.78	Additional Income	-0-	-0-
Creekside	-0-	-0-	New Haven	-0-	-0-	Balance		81,856.54
Cristo para Todos	-0-	-0-	New Hope, Independence	-0-	-0-	Special Accounts		712,698.96
Crossbrand	294.50	294.50	New Life Community	192.84	192.84			
Crossgate	325.60	325.60	New Zion	2,486.20	2,486.20			
Crossroads	1,516.23	1,516.23	Northshore	1,670.00	1,670.00			
Ebenezer	553.28	553.28	Northside	393.31	393.31			
Emmaus	-0-	-0-	Old Zion Hill	572.23	572.23			
Evans Creek	-0-	-0-	Ponchatoula's First	3,371.14	3,371.14			
First, Covington	4,000.00	4,000.00	Red Bluff	-0-	-0-			
First, Folsom	1,226.83	1,226.83	Redemption, Lacombe	200.00	200.00			
First, Hammond	224.47	224.47	Redemption Christian	-0-	-0-			
First, Independence	600.00	600.00	Ridge Memorial	25.00	25.00			
First, Madisonville	-0-	-0-	River Fellowship	371.16	371.16			
First, Pearl River	826.62	826.62	Serenity	21.46	21.46			
First, Slidell	1,400.00	1,400.00	Springville	78.14	78.14			
First, Springfield	223.65	223.65	Still Water	-0-	-0-			
First, Tickfaw	180.12	180.12	Tammany Hill	-0-	-0-			
French Corner	388.97	388.97	The Bridge	200.00	200.00			
Grace	51.85	51.85	The Field Church	400.00	400.00			
Grace Community	352.15	352.15	Thompson Road	436.72	436.72			
Grace Hispanic	18.55	18.55						
Grace Memorial	3,675.15	3,675.15						
Greater St. James	-0-	-0-						
Hebron	600.00	600.00						
Iglesia Agua Viva	28.22	28.22						
Iglesia Buenas Nuevas	124.17	124.17						
Iglesia Cristo Redentor	487.46	487.46						
Immanuel	173.43	173.43						
Jerusalem (Hammond)	1,284.87	1,284.87						

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Welcome

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