



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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Ministry Assistants Conference

For Church Administrative Assistant, Church Ministry Assistant, Church Secretary, and more.

Overflowing Joy:

What Jesus Says about a Joy-Filled Life Featuring Tara Dew

Tara has the privilege of serving New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary as President's Wife, teaching in the Ministry to Women academic programs, and directing Thrive: A Ministry Wife Certificate program.

April 22—Kenner

Williams Blvd. Baptist Church
3000 Williams Boulevard, Kenner

April 23-Baton Rouge

First Baptist Church
529 Convention Street, Baton Rouge

April 24—Houma

Bayou Baptist Association Office
4494 W. Main, Gray

April 25—Amite

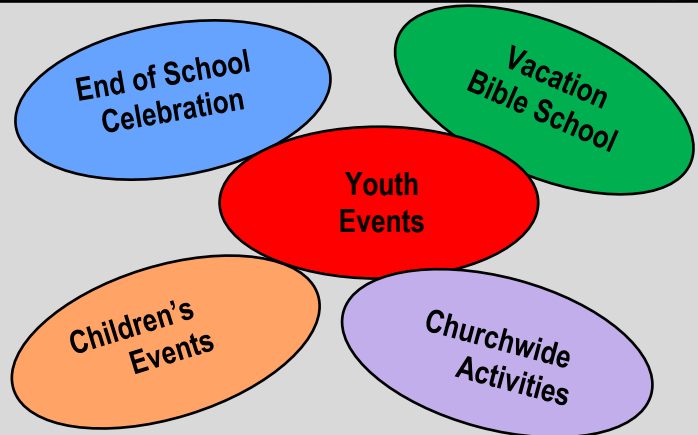
First Baptist Church
117 E. Olive Street, Amite

REGISTRATION

All Conferences are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Plan Ahead

Reserve the NBA Block Party Trailer Now



Call your NBA office at 225-567-5086 or email office@northshorebaptists.net for more information.

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Northshore Church News

●New Beulah (Hammond)

pastor Les Fogleman has begun a prayer ministry at the church asking people to stop and let him pray with them. Since January 1 he has prayed with 153 individuals with four professions of faith and two being baptized. New Beulah will have revival



services April 7-9. Sunday services will be at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday and Tuesday services will be at 6 p.m. Evangelist Kyle Williams will be preaching.

●**First (Folsom)** youth performing Arts Team “Parable” will present **I Saw Him!**, a play by Sara Walton Miller, on Saturday, April 13, and Sunday, April 14, at 6 p.m. Pastor is Will Robbins.

●**First (Slidell)** annual church-wide **Spring Picnic** is scheduled for Wednesday, April 3, starting at 5 p.m. in the back parking area. Cost is \$10 per person. Please bring a dessert to share. **Adults 55+** will enjoy the **Spring Black & Gold Dinner** on Friday, April 5, starting at 6 p.m. This will be an elegant night of music, good food, and entertainment. Cost is \$25 per person and reservations are required *HisKids* Children’s Ministry and Preschool Ministry will have an **After-Easter Egg Hunt** on Wednesday, April 3, at 6 p.m. on the church’s back lawn. **Awana** finishes for the school year on Wednesday, May 1, with their awards program. Awana **Grand Prix** will be Saturday, May 4. Cars are available in the Education Office. The **Senior Baccalaureate Service** will be on Sunday, May 5, starting at 8:30 a.m. in the gym for breakfast and then the service at 10 a.m. Those interested in participating should contact the church office. **Adults 55+** group 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. A trip to Bellingrath Gardens is planned in June. Details to be announced. Registration is open for **Kids Kamp Summer Day Camp**. Go to www.fbcslidell.org for more information and to register your child. The dates for camp are May 28-July 19. A meeting for camp parents is scheduled for May 19. Pastor is Casey Stark.

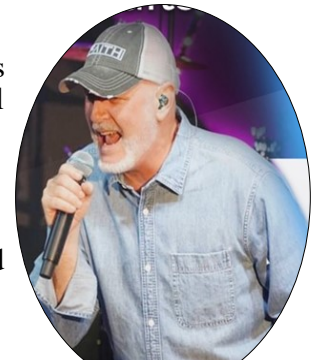
●**First (Ponchatoula)** offers Grief Support Group meetings on Tuesdays, 6-7:30 p.m. Meetings will be held on April 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7, and 14. Please register [here](#). Pastor is David Cranford.

●**Northshore (Slidell)** Pastor Larry McEwen is retiring on May 31, and will be honored at a retirement party on Saturday, April 27, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. If you would like to attend please register [here](#).

●**Red Bluff (Folsom)** will hold their 67th Homecoming Celebration Sunday, April 14, beginning at 10:30 a.m. and concluding with a fellowship meal. The message will be given by former Interim Pastor Dr. Jay Johnston with special music provided by Ronnie Bryant and friends. Everyone is welcome to attend. Cody Roberts is pastor.

●**First (Covington)** ESL (English as a Second Language) classes meet on Sundays at 5 p.m. The ESL Ministry is in need of volunteers who have experience in teaching beginning ESL. The Fall semester begins on August 25 and classes are Sundays, 5-7 p.m. FBC Covington's ESL Ministry has a unique class for adult English learners who want to improve their understanding of Bible terminology and the worship service. The Nations Connect Group - Equipping English Learners for the Worship Service meets Sundays at 9:30 a.m. For more information contact Joy Mohr at esl@fbccov.org. A six-week class **Turning Everyday Conversations into GOSPEL Conversations** begins Wednesday, April 24, at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$15. Register at www.fbccov.org. **Young at Heart for Adults 55+** meetings are planned for Tuesday, April 16, featuring Jake Cowley, Gospel Artist featured with The Gaithers, and Tuesday, May 21, featuring Leo Day, Christian vocal recording artist. Both meetings will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the worship center. Cost is \$15. Register at www.fbccov.org.

Adults 55+ Summer Celebration featuring Kenny Evans of the American Oldies Show, Pigeon Forge, TN, will be Tuesday, June 18, at 10 a.m. in the worship center. Cost is \$15, payable at the door, and lunch is included. Online registration is required at fbccov.org/adults-55. The deadline to register or cancel is noon, Friday, June 14.



Kenny Evans

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. We hope adults 55+ will join us for this fun celebration. Waylon Bailey is pastor.

ShoreLines

By Don Pucik

Associational Mission Strategist

Almost two decades ago, I posed a question to a profoundly divided assembly of church leaders: "What is the problem?" The pastor, on the verge of losing his job, struggled to define the problem. The staff wrestled with the question for two days in a retreat, and the deacons argued about it for months. There was a lack of agreement among everyone regarding the problem, with each person having their own interpretation. This church was in conflict – they were “stuck” and needed help.

Conflict in the church is nothing new. In the first century, church members were already experiencing conflict. James asked an early group of believers, “*What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you?*” (James 4:1).

Conflict arises when two or more individuals hold opposing and competitive positions. In a church, these differences can lead to frustration as families and friends advocate for their preferences and points of view. The challenge to work together becomes even greater in a consumer-driven culture, where the focus is on meeting people's desires. If the church is built on catering to people's wants, it risks becoming a congregation of selfish individuals who are unable to collaborate with one another.



Don Pucik

Individuals react to conflict in various ways. Some members choose to leave and find a more agreeable environment. Among the remaining members, there are those who strive for a peaceful resolution, while others become too agitated to back down, leading to an escalation of the conflict to new heights. It becomes challenging to envision a way towards the kind of unity and peace that the church should set as an example in their relationships.

The root cause of conflict turning destructive among church members is not their differences but rather their behavior. Members who are spiritually mature can control their emotions and work towards productive outcomes to resolve the conflict. They can treat conflicts as opportunities to show compassion and demonstrate Christlike patience.

Is your church in conflict?

Set your heart to be a part of the solution and not the problem. In Ephesians 4:1, Paul writes, “*Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.*” When someone becomes a member of a church, they are united with others in a very real and organic way through their shared faith in Christ. As a result, every member's relationship with the Lord should guide how they interact with other members of the church. When conflicts arise, both individuals and the community should work together to prioritize maintaining spiritual ties over personal preferences or concerns.

Remember that God is at work in the midst of every church conflict. In Romans 8:28, Paul writes, “*And we know that God causes all things to work together for good.*” In a similar confession found in Genesis 50:20, Joseph explains to the brothers who once tried to kill him, “*you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good.*” God has a plan to extract good from everything that happens to His people, even a damaging and hurtful church conflict. Cry out to Him for His intervention and rescue.

Seek out a third party willing to help your church walk through a peacemaking process. Someone from the “outside” can help guide the church through this difficult season. Unfortunately, the call for help too often comes when the escalation of conflict has become unmanageable. Don't wait. Your association and state convention have resources to help.

He is faithful!



SLU BCM Update

This semester has been one for the history books... We've learned of 3 students that have come to faith in Jesus through BCM and have seen others embrace a more proactive role in the spread of the gospel on campus.

Two highlights have been our weekly outreach table and our Go Groups.

Just yesterday at outreach we were engaging students with the Gospel when a non-binary student approached the table. One of our female students had an opportunity to engage her with the gospel and the love of Jesus. She explained God's design and that sin is failure to live in that design. Our BCM student got her contact information and has already set up a gospel appointment with the non-binary student.

The really amazing thing is that this student that now will be presenting the gospel and building a relationship with this girl, was not a Christian herself until last semester when we saw God reveal Himself to her and she surrendered her life to Jesus. This is the fruit of BCM ministry! We are thankful for your support.

The other highlight is our Go-Groups. These are pairs of students that go out on campus at different times during the week to engage students with the Gospel. They receive training as to how to connect with others outside the Christian subculture and clearly present the gospel. This has yielded so much opportunity for sowing the seed of the Gospel on campus and is prepping students to engage a post-Christian culture when they join the workforce.

This will be of a huge benefit to our local churches as more students are trained and equipped for the work of ministry. As we are ending another school year and starting the preparation for the coming year, I would request that churches in our association send us contact information of students that you have coming to SLU in the summer or the fall. We would love to train them, equip them, and send them into the lost and dying world so that by the time they graduate they are a fully equipped missionaries that will reach their workplace and neighborhood... and that they will engage them in the body of Christ, the church!

Please be in continued prayer for our ministry on campus. If you would like to send contact info or get involved, please email joeluna.bcm@aol.com or contact my cell 985-351-3943.



Founders Day
May 25 - 12 to 4 p.m.
RSVP Required
reservations@camplivingwaters.net
985-345-1831



Friday, May 17
6-8 p.m.

Northlake Christian Football Field
70104 Wolverine Drive, Covington, LA

A free, student focused night of music and student life stores aimed at revving the passion of following Jesus in the students of St. Tammany Parish. For more information contact John Jamison, Student Ministry Pastor at Redemption Church, Lacombe, at 251-234-1483.




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

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.

	Jan-Feb	YTD		Jan-Feb	YTD		Jan-Feb	YTD
Albany First	1,325.66	1,325.66	Killian First	-0-	-0-	Wardline	1,200.00	1,200.00
Antioch	45.55	45.55	Lee Hill	-0-	-0-	Westside	1,422.83	1,422.83
Bayou	150.00	150.00	Lee Valley	-0-	-0-	Woodhaven	109.00	109.00
Bedico	2,657.00	2,657.00	Life	-0-	-0-	Woodland	1,062.47	1,062.47
Bethlehem	1,251.46	1,251.46	Lighthouse	-0-	-0-	Woodland Park	1,988.15	1,988.15
Blood River	653.32	653.32	Loranger	2,049.58	2,049.58	TOTAL	49,063.81	49,063.81
Bogue Falaya	-0-	-0-	Manchac	-0-	-0-			
Calvary	100.00	100.00	Midway	-0-	-0-	Expenditures	39,893.07	39,893.07
Celebration (Cov/Mand)	750.00	750.00	Millville	-0-	-0-	Church Receipts	49,063.81	49,063.81
Celebration (Slidell)	750.00	750.00	Mt. Calvary	78.26	78.26	Additional Income	-0-	-0-
Coburn	-0-	-0-	Natalbany	629.37	629.37	Balance		155,603.07
Collins Blvd.	150.00	150.00	New Beginning	-0-	-0-	Designated Accounts		916,133.02
Cornerstone (watchcare)	-0-	-0-	New Beulah	-0-	-0-			
Countryside	-0-	-0-	New Hope	-0-	-0-			
Covenant	300.00	300.00	New Life Community	250.00	250.00			
Creekside	300.00	300.00	New Zion	50.00	50.00			
Cristo para Todos	-0-	-0-	Northshore	2,000.00	2,000.00			
Crossbrand	-0-	-0-	Northside	421.05	421.05			
Crossgate	50.00	50.00	Old Zion Hill	863.38	863.38			
Crossroads	1,009.16	1,009.16	Ponchatoula's First	3,092.76	3,092.76			
Ebenezer	532.23	532.23	Red Bluff	608.65	608.65			
Emmaus	-0-	-0-	Redemption, Lacombe	300.00	300.00			
Evans Creek	349.98	349.98	Redemption Christian	-0-	-0-			
First, Covington	5,833.34	5,833.34	Ridge Memorial	50.00	50.00			
First, Folsom	1,957.26	1,957.26	River Fellowship	494.29	494.29			
First, Hammond	-0-	-0-	Serenity	235.65	235.65			
First, Independence	200.00	200.00	Springville	142.70	142.70			
First, Madisonville	-0-	-0-	Still Water	-0-	-0-			
First, Mandeville	2,500.00	2,500.00	SweetWater	156.83	156.83			
First, Pearl River	1,361.97	1,361.97	Tammany Hills	312.19	312.19			
First, Slidell	1,292.34	1,292.34	The Bridge	200.00	200.00			
First, Springfield	133.91	133.91	Thompson Road	495.58	495.58			
First, Tickfaw	-0-	-0-	Trinity	1,298.00	1,298.00			
French Corner	601.72	601.72	True Life	200.00	200.00			
Grace Community	-0-	-0-	Victory	-0-	-0-			
Grace Fellowship	315.58	315.58						
Grace Hispanic	-0-	-0-						
Grace Memorial	2,284.00	2,284.00						
Greater St. James	-0-	-0-						
Hebron	600.00	600.00						
Iglesia Agua Viva	-0-	-0-						
Iglesia Buenas Nuevas	214.30	214.30						
Iglesia Cristo Redentor	200.00	200.00						
Immanuel	270.47	270.47						
Jerusalem	1,213.82	1,213.82						



DEADLINE FOR JUNE-JULY NEWSLETTER: May 15, 2024

SBC Annual Meeting & Pastors Conference



June 9-12, 2024
 Indianapolis, Indiana

Join us at the Indiana Convention Center for four days of equipping, and inspiration. With nearly 200 ancillary meetings, events, and gatherings throughout the week, you'll connect with leaders from around the country to be encouraged, equipped and mobilized for Kingdom work.

[More Information/Registration/Hotels](#)

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