



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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Understanding Your Ministry Insurance

What You Don't Know About Your Property and Casualty Insurance Could Hurt You

Wednesday, August 7

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

First Baptist Church
16333 Highway 1085
Covington

<https://louisianabaptists.org/event/church-administration-conference-northshore/>

Sponsored by Guidestone, Louisiana Baptist Convention, and Northshore Baptist Association

Executive Board Meeting

**Tuesday, August 13
10 a.m.**

First Baptist Church
401 W. Morris Street, Hammond

All member churches are entitled to send their pastor (or the church's designee) and one other designated person to represent them in the conducting of Associational business.

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 for any session.

WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER

Annual Meeting

Monday, October 7
First Baptist Church

525 E. Pine Street, Ponchatoula

5:30 p.m. - Supper

6:30 p.m. - Business Session & Worship Service

Preaching: Keith Manuel, Evangelism/Church Growth Team Director, LBC

Mark Your Calendar

Ministers/Spouses Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 17
6:00 p.m.

Bedico Baptist Church
28156 Highway 22 E
Ponchatoula

RSVP by Tuesday, December 11
office@northshorebaptists.net or
225.567.5086

How can you start an effective, life-changing prayer ministry in your church?

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Northshore Church News

• **First (Ponchatoula), First (Mandeville), First (Covington), and Woodland Park (Hammond)** will combine their choirs and orchestras for a concert at First, Ponchatoula, on Sunday, August 25, at 6:30 p.m. featuring up to a 100 voice choir and 25 piece orchestra. Terry Williams, director of the Florida Worship Choir and Orchestra, and leader of Priority Worship Ministry, will be the clinician/director of the combined choirs/orchestra concert. Everyone is invited to this free concert. Chip Vickers is music pastor and David Cranford is pastor.

• **First (Covington)** invites all adults 55+ to join their "Young at Heart" group for their Summer Celebration featuring gospel singer Ben Waites and ventriloquist/musician John Yates on Tuesday, August 20, 9 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$10, payable at the door and includes lunch. Please register online at www.fbccov.org/all-events/young-at-heart-aug-20 or by calling the church office at 985.892.2149. Register by individual names unless you are registering and paying with one check for your group. Note: Seating is limited and we must pay the caterer for all who are registered by the deadline so please contact the church before the deadline if you must cancel. The deadline to register or cancel is Wednesday, August 14. Waylon Bailey is pastor. David Rocket is Minister of Adults 55+ and Pastoral Care.

• **First (Slidell)** Back to School Family Fun Night will be Wednesday, August 7, starting at 5:30 p.m. on the front lawn. We'll have water slides, snowballs, and the fire truck coming for preschoolers and 1st through 6th graders to enjoy. The whole family is invited. Awana and Bible Drill/BLAST will resume on Wednesdays starting August 14. We will also be adding our Children's Choir to the Wednesday program. Children's Choir will begin at 5:15 p.m. and the other programs at 5:45 p.m. Wednesday Dinner and Adult Choir rehearsal will also be back on August 14. The Men's Ministry will have a kick-off event on Sunday, August 11, at 6 p.m. in the Student Center. This is a revamp of the Men's Ministry starting with the "Battle Buddy" program and discipleship mentoring. The Senior Adult Sonshine Club will meet Friday, August 30, and Friday, September 27, at 12 noon. Pastor is Casey Stark.

• **Trinity (Hammond)** will have a Back-To-School Bash Friday, August 9, 6 to 8 p.m., and Saturday, August 10, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for K-6th graders. James Wilson is guest speaker and Jonah Kyle Traylor is worship leader. HIS KIDS Activity Time will be Saturday, September 14, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. HIS KIDS is a special-needs ministry for ages 10-25. For fun activities including crafts, music, and games, RSVP Christie Williamson, HIS KIDS director, at 985.320.1091. Pastor is Avery Dixon.

• **Calvary (Slidell)** School has a new principal, Dr. Angelyn Mesman. Arron McGuffee is pastor.

• **Albany First** will host a workshop on "Tutoring Children and Youth" in order to prepare for an after-school tutoring ministry. Churches in the surrounding areas who may be considering this ministry now or in the future are invited. The workshop instructor will be Melanie Lawler through the Louisiana Baptist Convention's Literacy Missions. The two-day workshop schedule is Friday, August 23, 6:00-9:30 p.m. (refreshments provided) and Saturday, August 24, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (lunch provided). Cost is \$11.00 for a manual (required). For more information or to sign up e-mail darlenerence@charter.net. Pastor is Danny Burnham.

• **Covenant (Covington)** is operating "Covenant Counseling," a Biblical counseling center that works with people throughout the parish offering "Hope through Biblical Change." Covenant Counseling is an IABC Certified Counseling and Training Center. Presently there are two separate certification classes in progress. Anyone interested in learning more about certification or in need of counseling should call 985.643.9438 or e-mail cbc.slidell@gmail.com. Pastor is Robby James.

• **Woodland Park (Hammond)** is currently receiving resumes for a full time Front Desk/Staff Support position. Candidates must reflect the mission of the church, work well with teams, and be comfortable using and creating digital content. As per church policy, candidates must be from outside the WPBC church family. Send resumes to tim@woodlandparkonline.com. Also, WPBC will host a DivorceCare Support Group Series beginning August 21. Sessions are every Wednesday at 6 p.m. The church is located at 1909 J.W. Davis Drive, Hammond. For more information or to register call WPBC church office at 985.345.4012; email divorcecaregrp@gmail.com; or online at www.divorcecare.org. Tim Moffett is pastor.

• **Jerusalem (Hammond)** had a group of nine adults and young adults go on a mission trip to the Great Southwest region. They participated in mission projects and evangelistic efforts. Upcoming events at Jerusalem include Youth Camp at Camp Fuego (Eunice, LA), July 16-19; Children's Camp at Clara Springs, LA, July 21-25; and monthly Women and Men on Mission meetings. The church just paid of its last land note and is, once again, completely debt free. Phil Weaver is pastor.

• **New Zion (Covington)** will host a women's event "Mercy Malt-Shop" Saturday, August 3, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Featured speaker will be Cindi Wood, author of the Frazzled Female series, Call the church office at 985.892.4711 to register (required). Clark Stewart is pastor.

• **River Road, Ebenezer, and Crossgate churches** are sponsoring a Children's Ministry and Evangelism Training event on Friday, August 23, and Saturday, August 24. Mary Glover, State Director of Child Evangelism Fellowship, and Sarah Brown, Northshore Coordinator of Child Evangelism Fellowship, will be leading this training event. The event will be held at Crossgate Church, Robert. Friday's session will be 6:30-8:30 p.m. A light supper will be served. Saturday's session begins with breakfast at 8:00. The training begins at 9 a.m. and concludes at noon. All Northshore Association churches are invited to participate. There's no charge for this invaluable training, but an offering will be received for CEF Northshore. Pastor at River Road is Randy Ray, at Ebenezer is Ken Schroder, and at Crossgate is Louis Husser.

• **Grace Memorial (Slidell)** will host *The Voices of Louisiana* College on Sunday, September 29. Dennis Phelps is interim pastor.

Counseling Services Available

The Louisiana Baptist Children's Home and Family Ministries offers professional marriage and family counseling through the Granberry Counseling Center located in the main offices of First Baptist Church, Covington. Contact Counselor Lew Eaton at 225.223.1497 for an appointment.

ShoreLines

By Don Pucik

Associational Mission Strategist

In 1979, they met in a church classroom early on Sunday mornings to pray. A small group of older men and women would gather, encouraging a group of students to join them as they interceded for Sunday services, church leaders, and lost souls. As the church grew and lives were changed, lessons were learned. Listening to their prayers, those students learned how to pray and call on God. I was one of those students. Those men and women had an effective prayer ministry!

How can you start an effective, life changing prayer ministry in your church? Here are eight principles to consider:

1. ***Model.*** Long before Jesus taught the disciples how to pray, He modeled a lifestyle of prayer (Mark 1:35). Similarly, you want to carefully examine your own prayer life before launching a prayer ministry. Do you have a daily time alone with God? Do you pray for the needs of others as well as your own? Do you seek God's will in your decisions? Have you experienced and worked through some of the basic difficulties of prayer (e.g., dry spells and unanswered prayers)? Your experience with God will help fuel the interest of others in a prayer ministry.
2. ***Discuss.*** Connect with your pastor and/or your church leaders to talk about your interest in launching a prayer ministry. Ask for their input and ideas. Listen carefully to their responses. If the church has a defined process for launching new ministry organizations, be sure to work as much as possible with the pastor and leaders to gain the support and approval of the new prayer ministry. If you encounter resistance from someone, exercise patience.
3. ***Learn.*** Go to "school" on the subject of prayer: read books, attend conferences, and listen to messages. Build relationships with the praying men and women in your own church. Contact prayer leaders in other churches to learn what they are doing. Become a student.
4. ***Strategize.*** A well-rounded prayer strategy will provide church members with opportunities to learn about and participate in three kinds of prayer:
 - a) ***Corporate Prayer.*** Is your church known as a "house of prayer" (Matthew 21:13)? It ought to be. Somewhere in the life of every church there needs to be a time set aside strictly for prayer. If your Wednesday night prayer meeting is really a Bible study (that people are enjoying), don't feel like you need to change it. Set aside another time and dedicate it for prayer: a time anyone who needs to be prayed for can come and find the support they need.
 - b) ***Small Group Prayer.*** Jesus is present when a small group prays together (Matthew 18:20). Faithful friends will pray for one another and the special needs of their church and community. Everyone in the church needs someone praying for them (Ephesians 6:18). A small group prayer strategy will make sure that no one is left out.
 - c) ***Individual Prayer.*** Many church members do not know how to spend time alone with God in a quiet time: they have never been taught. On a regular basis, offer churchwide opportunities to learn about an individual prayer life. Challenge church members to form a new daily prayer habit.
5. ***Calendar.*** The launch of a new prayer ministry needs to be planned and coordinated with other churchwide events. Working with the existing church calendar, identify the dates for your regular prayer meetings, special events, and training classes. Allow ample advance notice so church members can plan their participation.
6. ***Enlist.*** Who will join you in this effort? Identify specific men and women to help you lead and host the different parts of the new prayer ministry. Write out a brief job description for each role you are seeking to fill. Meet with each individual, sharing your passion and the specific tasks to be completed. As you assemble your team, be sure to meet with them on a regular basis for information and encouragement.
7. ***Launch.*** Highlight the launch of a new prayer ministry with a special churchwide event or emphasis. Communicate the new prayer opportunities with announcements, signs, flyers, and church mail. Visit Bible Study classes and other church groups to discuss the prayer ministry launch. Be brief, but enthusiastic.
8. ***Support.*** Working with your leaders, plan a full year of activities and emphases. Meet with your leaders regularly to hear their needs and concerns. Pray with them and for them. Be a cheerleader. As you find new resources, secure copies and share them with your leaders.



Don Pucik

Although these eight principles represent the practical steps involved in launching a new prayer ministry, be assured that God will be working in ways you never dreamed or imagined (Ephesians 3:20). Some will be learning how to pray by witnessing the prayer life of others—that's what happened to me. Others will form new friendships that will encourage them through dark and difficult periods in their lives. All will experience the mighty acts of God!



Mark Your Calendar

Northshore Baptist Association

AUGUST 2019

- 13 Executive Board Meeting @ First, Hammond, 10 a.m. (see page 1 for details)
- 17 Regroup Conference @ Trinity, Lake Charles <https://louisianabaptists.org/event/2019-regroup-conference-south/>
- 19 Ministers' Conference @ Westside, Ponchatoula, 10:30 a.m. (see this page for details)

SEPTEMBER 2019

- 2 Labor Day
- 7-8 2019 Women's Mission Celebration & Teen Girl Weekend @ Tall Timbers <https://louisianabaptists.org/event/2019-womens-mission-celebration-teen-girl-weekend/>
- 15-22 Week of Prayer for State Missions and Georgia Barnette State Mission Offering
- 16 Ministers' Conference @ Thompson Road, Slidell, 10:30 a.m. (see this page for details)
- 19 Blessing of the Hunt @ New Zion, Covington <https://louisianabaptists.org/event/2019-blessing-of-the-hunt/>
- 21 Operation Christmas Child Kid Summit @ Crossgate Church, 2 p.m. (see this page for details)
- 23 Autumn Begins
- 28 World Crafts Marketplace @ Old Zion Hill, Independence, 9:30 registration; 10 a.m.-12 noon (see this page for details)

Ministers' Conferences

Monday, August 19, @ 10:30 a.m.

Westside Baptist Church

40375 W. I-55 Service Road, Ponchatoula

Topic: Peter's House: A Recovery Home for Women and Children

Monday, September 16, @ 10:30 a.m.

Thompson Road Baptist Church

59008 Highway 43, Slidell

Speaker: Randy Boyett, Pastor, Thompson Road

Topic: Does It Really Work?

An exploration into the heart and the presence of God
(Lunch will be served)

— WMU News —



WorldCrafts Marketplace

Saturday, September 28

10 a.m. to Noon - Includes lunch

Registration: 9:30

Old Zion Hill Baptist Church

25844 Highway 442, Independence

Please RSVP for lunch and nursery by September 24:

office@northshorebaptists.net

or 225.567.5086

Join us in sharing hope with artisans around the world.

Pray for LC Student

The Northshore Baptist Association has committed to pray for Louisiana College student Charlie Pamplin (LC Box 159, Pineville 71359) during the 2019-2020 school year. Please take time to PRAY for this student. You can also send notes of encouragement and small gifts. Other ideas to send: fast food cards, Walmart gift cards, CC's Coffee gift cards, snack foods, journals, small school supplies (highlighters, sticky notes, pens, note cards, etc.).

Save the Date!

Monday, November 4

Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer



Join us at the Baptist Collegiate Ministry on the SLU campus in Hammond (501 Dakota Street) as we join our Baptist sisters around the world in praying and supporting our Baptist World Alliance. Together in unity, we shine brighter!



Calling all children ministry teams ...

You are invited to send a delegation of kids to a BIG EVENT for Operation Christmas Child... The OCC KID SUMMIT

Saturday, September 21, at 2 p.m. - Crossgate Church, 22494 Highway 190, Robert

Come be a part of Kids teaching Kids about Kids around the world and how to spread the good news of Jesus Christ thru a simple shoebox. This event will teach our kids about missions in 4 separate countries. We will teach your kids how to spread the love of Jesus

with a Global approach. For questions and information and to RSVP call Beth Hiller at 985.687.5133.

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.

	May-June	YTD		May-June	YTD		May-June	YTD
Albany First	856.47	2,753.74	Killian First	300.24	1,026.99	True Life	200.00	700.00
Antioch	56.66	144.99	Lee Hill	230.17	649.11	Victory	-0-	-0-
Bayou	100.00	250.00	Lee Valley	-0-	-0-	Wadesboro	-0-	-0-
Bedico	789.00	2,117.00	Life	-0-	-0-	Wardline	600.00	1,025.00
Bethlehem	679.00	2,556.00	Lighthouse	522.00	739.00	Westside	842.89	2,180.27
Blood River	713.60	2,002.85	Loranger	1,161.34	3,379.79	Woodhaven	89.00	315.00
Bogue Falaya	833.33	2,499.97	Louisiana	-0-	-0-	Woodland	-0-	734.96
Boots N Saddles	26.56	90.24	Manchac	-0-	-0-	Woodland Park	2,647.16	7,670.42
Calvary	100.00	300.00	Mandeville's First	2,701.62	6,930.43	TOTAL	42,305.53	132,171.46
Celebration (Cov/Mand)	300.00	900.00	Midway	-0-	-0-			
Celebration (Slidell)	300.00	900.00	Millville	-0-	407.00			
Coburn	-0-	-0-	Mt. Calvary	-0-	163.72			
Collins Blvd.	-0-	300.00	Natalbany	1,440.65	5,135.56			
Countryside	75.00	225.00	New Beginning	150.00	300.00			
Covenant	40.00	100.00	New Beulah	110.00	579.28			
Creekside	300.00	600.00	New Hope	-0-	-0-			
Cristo para Todos	-0-	-0-	New Life Community	-0-	479.84			
Crossbrand	164.28	583.80	New Zion	1,294.71	6,441.06			
Crossgate	412.36	737.96	Northshore	1,670.00	4,175.00			
Crossroads	1,010.82	3,537.87	Northside	316.78	1,062.89			
Ebenezer	613.42	1,368.68	Old Zion Hill	641.67	1,882.91			
Emmaus	-0-	-0-	Ponchatoula's First	3,146.37	9,916.33			
Evans Creek	586.91	1,193.20	Red Bluff	611.96	1,201.39			
First, Covington	4,000.00	12,000.00	Redemption, Lacombe	300.00	700.00			
First, Folsom	999.65	2,632.35	Redemption Christian	-0-	-0-			
First, Hammond	131.31	355.78	Ridge Memorial	-0-	75.00			
First, Independence	-0-	900.00	River Fellowship	517.87	1,079.21			
First, Madisonville	-0-	1,058.24	Serenity	50.16	125.56			
First, Pearl River	951.36	3,289.95	Springville	135.03	337.35			
First, Slidell	1,400.00	4,200.00	Still Water	-0-	-0-			
First, Springfield	249.40	473.05	Tammany Hills	421.20	1,734.49			
First, Tickfaw	377.72	1,054.16	The Bridge	300.00	600.00			
French Corner	417.16	1,196.68	The Field Church	200.00	800.00			
Grace	101.35	279.85	Thompson Road	403.14	1,381.92			
Grace Community	-0-	754.30	Trinity	594.00	2,078.00			
Grace Fellowship*	384.00	1,090.97						
Grace Hispanic	46.30	97.80						
Grace Memorial	1,681.12	6,665.27						
Greater St. James	-0-	-0-						
Hebron	300.00	1,200.00						
Iglesia Agua Viva	44.90	108.98						
Iglesia Buenas Nuevas	143.00	418.73						
Iglesia Cristo Redentor	298.59	1,150.31						
Immanuel	184.47	537.30						
Jerusalem	1,039.83	3,538.96						

*Applied for NBA Membership

Expenditures	44,870.33	129,107.43
Church Receipts	42,305.53	132,171.46
Additional Income	-0-	-0-
Balance		81,081.15
Designated Accounts		703,821.61

**IMPART.
TRUTH.
TODAY.**

**Week of Prayer
for State Missions and
Georgia Barnette
State Mission
Offering
September 15-22**



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

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