



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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FOR

UNTO US

A CHILD IS BORN

unto us

a son is given

and the government

shall be upon his shoulder

AND HIS NAME

SHALL BE CALLED

WONDERFUL COUNSELLOR

THE MIGHTY GOD

THE EVERLASTING FATHER

THE PRINCE OF PEACE

ISAIAH 9:6

Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 19
10:00 a.m.

Woodland Park Baptist Church
1909 J.W. Davis Drive, 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. messengers for any session.

A Great *Multitude* + You
Rev. 7:9

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and Week of Prayer for International Missions

November 29 - December 6, 2020

Goal:
\$175 million



www.imb.org/lottie-moon-christmas-offering/

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

Northshore Church News

● **First (Ponchatoula) Music Ministry** will present their annual **Christmas Spectacular 2020 – “The Glory of Christmas”** – on Friday, December 11, at 6 p.m. and Sunday, December 13, at 8:15 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 10:45 a.m. Everyone on the North Shore is invited to enjoy the story of the birth of Christ with the hope that this will help to get our churches in the Christmas Spirit. The Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra will present the music. Chip Vickers is the Music Pastor. Dr. David Cranford is the Pastor.

● **Calvary (Slidell)** will host a Marriage Conference December 4, 6:30-9:00 p.m. and December 5, 8 a.m.-12 noon. Ronnie Gaines and Abby Shields will be guest speakers. Admission is free. Pastor is Joe Stutson.

● **French Corner (Ponchatoula)** will present a Christmas Cantata Sunday, December 20, at 11 a.m. **Chronicle** will be in concert on Sunday, January 31, at 11 a.m. Eric Hattaway is pastor.

● **New Zion (Covington)** will present “*Cradle to the Cross*,” a drive-thru Christmas presentation that portrays the life of Christ from his birth to his death and resurrection with people, live animals, authentic costumes and vivid scenery. See the story unfold from the comfort of your own vehicle as you follow Jesus through His life and final days on earth. Enjoy a drive to the country and receive a blessing you will always remember. Dates are Saturday and Sunday, December 5 and 6, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Admission is free. The church is located at 17387 New Zion Church Road, Covington, LA 70435. Pastor is Clark Stewart.

● **Woodland Park (Hammond)** is currently receiving resumes for a Front Desk/Staff Support position. The hours are Monday to Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Candidates must reflect the mission of our church, work well with teams, and be comfortable using and creating digital and cloud based content. We are seeking individuals outside of the life of the church to fill this role. Send resumes to tim@woodlandparkonline.com. Pastor is Tim Moffett.

● **Jerusalem (Hammond)** is soliciting resumes for Associate Pastor of Worship and Students and Church Secretary/Receptionist. The Associate Pastor of Worship and Students will have oversight of the worship and student ministries of JBC. In terms of worship, the Associate Pastor will lead congregational worship services, working with the praise team and musicians. The student ministry involves oversight of ministry programs for children through college, with primary teaching responsibilities being with the youth (7-12 grade). The position will be close to full time, with housing on church property available. Requirements: A sense of calling to serve in a Southern Baptist Church, with a particular passion and desire to lead worship and work with students in a local church. Some ministry experience is preferable. Some seminary education or willingness to pursue further training is preferable. (JBC is approximately 60 miles from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.) The Church Secretary/Receptionist position is part-time (approximately 12-15/hrs. per week). Basic word processing, publishing, writing, and copying skills needed. Some experience in a church setting (paid or volunteer) is preferred. Contact: Dr. Phil Weaver, Senior Pastor, at 985.507.4577 or dr.phillipeweaver@gmail.com



Mark Your Calendar Northshore Baptist Association

DECEMBER 2020

Nov 29-Dec 6 Week of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering www.imb.org/lottie-moon-christmas-offering/

23-Jan 1 Northshore Office closed for Christmas and New Year's holidays

25 Christmas Day

JANUARY 2021

- 1 New Year's Day - Northshore office closed
- 12 Top Legal Trends Conference @ BAGBR, Baton Rouge www.louisianabaptists.org/event/2020-top-legal-trends-conference/
- 19 NBA Executive Board Meeting @ Woodland Park, Hammond, 10 a.m. (see page 1 for details)
- 25 LBCEA Winter Meeting @ Northwest Baptist Association office, Shreveport www.louisianabaptists.org/event/2021-lbcea-winter-meeting/
- 25-26 Evangelism Conference (ECON) @ Summer Grove Baptist Church, Shreveport www.louisianabaptists.org/event/evangelism-conference-econ/
- 26 Senior Adult Luncheon (ECON) @ Summer Grove Baptist Church, Shreveport www.louisianabaptists.org/event/senior-adult-luncheon-econ/
- 29-30 Disaster Relief Training @ NOBA, New Orleans www.louisianabaptists.org/event/disaster-relief-training-new-orleans-2/

FEBRUARY 2021

5-6 Disaster Relief Training @ First, Covington www.louisianabaptists.org/event/disaster-relief-training-covington/

Numerous Church Planting events are on the LBC calendar. For more information go to www.louisianabaptists.org/churchplanting/

Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year

Don Pucik
Kathy Cason

The NBA Office will be closed
December 23 - January 1
for the holidays.



ShoreLines

By Don Pucik
Associational Mission Strategist

“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting.” ~ Micah 5:2

His birthplace was foretold. Nearly 750 years before Jesus was born, Micah the prophet recorded God’s words to a little, insignificant village in Judah: Bethlehem. When the wise men asked where the Messiah would be born, Herod’s scholars immediately turned to Micah’s text (Matthew 2:4-5). Later as He walked among the people of Israel, when people debated whether Jesus was the Messiah, they referred again to the prophet’s words concerning Bethlehem (John 7:41-42).



Don Pucik

But the prophet also spoke of the Messiah’s mission. He would be a “Ruler” of God’s people, His activities (“goings forth”) flowing from a timeless past (“from of old, from everlasting“)... Micah was describing no ordinary man! And He would be no ordinary ruler, either.

There is no question that the kingdom of God is coming and will be fully expressed at His Second Coming (1 Corinthians 15:24-28). But what about now? The kingdom Jesus preached...

- is “at hand” – immediately accessible to His hearers (Matthew 4:17);
- is something someone must desire or “seek” (Matthew 6:33);
- is received with the simple trust and dependent heart of a child (Luke 18:17); and requires a new birth (an internal, spiritual renewal from God) in order to enter it (John 3:3, 5).

Jesus demonstrated the kingdom — or the active rule of God — by casting out demons, healing the sick, and quieting killer storms (Matthew 12:28). But He did not come to simply rule over nature. Nor did the “Ruler” prophesied by Micah strive to exert raw power, forcing all humanity into submission.

No, **Jesus came to rule your heart...** a place you voluntarily yield to Him. In the early part of the eighteenth century, Philip Doddridge wrote these verses:

*Hark the glad sound, the Savior comes, the Savior promised, long;
let every heart prepare a throne, and every voice a song.*

Doddridge writes, “Let every heart prepare a throne.” In the ancient world, the symbol of an empty throne was a way of describing a power greater than self. In the ancient mosaics of the early and medieval church, the *hetoimasia*, or “prepared throne,” was a way of depicting the place where Jesus was to come and rule.

In your heart, are you sitting on the throne? Or have you stepped aside and prepared the throne of your heart for the “Ruler” born in Bethlehem?



Monastery Decani (Serbian Orthodox) – 1327

It’s His rightful place... and your way to a very personal and powerful Christmas in 2020!

Yours In His Presence,

Don Pucik, Mission Strategist
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.

| | Sept-Oct | YTD | | Sept-Oct | YTD | | Sept-Oct | YTD |
|-------------------------|----------|-----------|----------------------|----------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Albany First | 951.69 | 4,231.73 | Killian First | 670.77 | 1,834.61 | True Life | 200.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Antioch | 63.29 | 131.89 | Lee Hill | -0- | -0- | Victory | -0- | -0- |
| Bayou | 150.00 | 550.00 | Lee Valley | -0- | -0- | Wadesboro | -0- | -0- |
| Bedico | 702.00 | 4,290.12 | Life | -0- | -0- | Wardline | 850.00 | 2,900.00 |
| Bethlehem | 685.00 | 3,590.00 | Lighthouse | -0- | 864.00 | Westside | 986.57 | 4,837.72 |
| Blood River | 474.40 | 2,835.02 | Loranger | 1,074.64 | 5,567.45 | Woodhaven | 117.00 | 510.00 |
| Bogue Falaya | 601.38 | 3,285.31 | Louisiana | -0- | -0- | Woodland | -0- | 1,123.83 |
| Boots N Saddles | -0- | 140.75 | Manchac | -0- | -0- | Woodland Park | 1,940.40 | 12,112.33 |
| Calvary | 200.00 | 1,000.00 | Mandeville's First | 1,738.97 | 10,901.88 | TOTAL | 42,139.02 | 211,844.91 |
| Celebration (Cov/Mand) | 500.00 | 2,050.00 | Midway | -0- | -0- | | | |
| Celebration (Slidell) | 500.00 | 2,050.00 | Millville | 722.51 | 722.51 | Expenditures | 43,255.99 | 210,751.35 |
| Coburn | -0- | -0- | Mt. Calvary | 108.56 | 410.86 | Church Receipts | 42,139.02 | 211,844.91 |
| Collins Blvd. | -0- | 450.00 | Natalbany | -0- | 1,776.15 | Additional Income | -0- | 70.00 |
| Countryside | 75.00 | 225.00 | New Beginning | 150.00 | 600.00 | Payroll Protection Plan | -0- | 30,250.00 |
| Covenant | 75.00 | 240.00 | New Beulah | 290.60 | 1,449.29 | Balance | | 115,635.62 |
| Creekside | 300.00 | 900.00 | New Hope | -0- | -0- | Designated Accounts | | 736,370.54 |
| Cristo para Todos | -0- | -0- | New Life Community | 375.00 | 1,274.00 | | | |
| Crossbrand | 410.88 | 1,479.54 | New Zion | 2,303.37 | 12,893.00 | | | |
| Crossgate | 50.00 | 50.00 | Northshore | 1,670.00 | 8,350.00 | | | |
| Crossroads | 1,119.78 | 5,598.90 | Northside | 414.96 | 2,421.04 | | | |
| Ebenezer | 381.13 | 1,940.91 | Old Zion Hill | 587.65 | 3,077.93 | | | |
| Emmaus | -0- | -0- | Ponchatoula's First | 2,952.10 | 14,083.87 | | | |
| Evans Creek | 523.30 | 1,476.73 | Red Bluff | -0- | 820.53 | | | |
| First, Covington | 4,400.00 | 22,133.34 | Redemption, Lacombe | 200.00 | 1,100.00 | | | |
| First, Folsom | 1,591.74 | 4,855.40 | Redemption Christian | -0- | -0- | | | |
| First, Hammond | 338.74 | 1,266.76 | Ridge Memorial | -0- | 175.00 | | | |
| First, Independence | 200.00 | 1,499.12 | River Fellowship | -0- | 1,333.23 | | | |
| First, Madisonville | -0- | -0- | Serenity | 51.86 | 249.97 | | | |
| First, Pearl River | -0- | 3,390.85 | Springville | 37.00 | 377.00 | | | |
| First, Slidell | 1,566.66 | 7,833.30 | Still Water | -0- | -0- | | | |
| First, Springfield | 94.93 | 679.13 | Tammany Hills | 340.03 | 1,847.28 | | | |
| First, Tickfaw | 397.27 | 1,887.59 | The Bridge | 200.00 | 1,250.00 | | | |
| French Corner | 534.74 | 1,552.88 | The Field Church | 200.00 | 1,000.00 | | | |
| Grace | -0- | 15.25 | Thompson Road | 211.98 | 2,612.50 | | | |
| Grace Community | -0- | 218.40 | Trinity | 938.18 | 2,973.18 | | | |
| Grace Fellowship | 516.95 | 6,283.79 | | | | | | |
| Grace Hispanic | 3.06 | 11.61 | | | | | | |
| Grace Memorial | 2,918.00 | 9,730.16 | | | | | | |
| Greater St. James | -0- | -0- | | | | | | |
| Hebron | 900.00 | 3,000.00 | | | | | | |
| Iglesia Agua Viva | -0- | 69.39 | | | | | | |
| Iglesia Buenas Nuevas | 196.62 | 653.20 | | | | | | |
| Iglesia Cristo Redentor | 191.96 | 872.75 | | | | | | |
| Immanuel | 181.47 | 912.66 | | | | | | |
| Jerusalem | 1,011.88 | 6,014.27 | | | | | | |

Welcome

Pastors & Staff

Jay Johnston
Transitional Interim Pastor
Red Bluff, Folsom

Bryan Umphenour
Worship Leader
Calvary, Slidell

Brenan Dominguez
Director of Student Ministries
French Corner, Ponchatoula

Stacie Ray
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DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY-MARCH

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