

REVIVE! Christ and His Church

Tuesday, March 24, 2020 (9 a.m. - 3 p.m.)

First Baptist Church, 16333 Highway 1085, Covington

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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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Listening Session With Dr. Steve Horn

Tuesday, March 17 @ 1:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church

16333 Highway 1085, Covington



Dr. Steve Horn

Dr. Horn wants to hear from you! What’s happening in your church? What would you like him to know? What do you need? Please join him at this listening session. He’s eager to hear what’s on your heart!



Vacation Bible School Clinic

Thursday, April 23

6:00-8:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church

4141 Pontchartrain Drive, Slidell

If the NBA office can assist you in ordering your VBS materials please contact us at 225.567.5086 or office@northshorebaptists.net

**Four biblical
reasons why a
believer should
make time for
prayer each day.**

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Northshore Church News

●**First (Covington)** Adults 55+ Young at Heart Spring Celebration is planned for Tuesday, March 17, 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$10, payable at the door, and includes lunch. Deadline to register is 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 11. Seating is limited and reservations are required. Featured on the program are comedian/musician Aaron Wilburn and big band music by Platinum Sound. The program concludes with lunch. Please register online at <https://fbccov.org/all-events/young-at-heart-march-17/>. Note: seating is limited and the caterer must be paid for all who are registered by the deadline so please contact the church before the deadline if you must cancel. The church welcomes new Worship Pastor, Adam Watson. Adam and his wife Laura, come to Covington from Houston, Texas, where they have been serving in local church ministry for 16 years. They have been married for 17 years and are the parents of four children, Annabelle, William, Elizabeth, and Emma. Adam and Laura love to sing and lead in worship together. Waylon Bailey is pastor. David Rocket is minister to adults 55+.

●**First (Ponchatoula)** will host "A Night of Instrumental Praise & Worship" by the SEL-CCO Orchestra on Sunday, March 8, at 6:30 p.m. This is a combined church orchestra concert with instrumentalists from all across southeastern Louisiana. It will be a worship service of orchestra alone music plus several congregational hymns. FBC Ponchatoula will also host the **Singing Senior Saints Choir** as they present the Easter Musical "**Behold the Lamb**" on Sunday, March 29, at 5 p.m. This choir has members from several churches in the area. These events are for all churches and anyone is welcome. Come and bring family and friends. Chip Vickers is music pastor and David Cranford is pastor.

●**Covenant (Slidell)** will be showing "The Foundations" taught by R. C. Sproul every Saturday from 9 till 11 a.m. in the fellowship hall through June 2020. This is a community outreach to educate those around us in Theology. Covenant Counseling, a ministry of Covenant Baptist Church, certified through the International Association of Biblical Counselors, offers free Biblical Counseling concerning a wide range of personal and interpersonal problems to our community. Counseling appointments can be scheduled by calling 985.643.9438. The church is located at 890 Robert Blvd. in Slidell. Pastor is Robby James.

●**First (Folsom)** is seeking a part-time Minister of Music to lead Sunday morning worship services. The candidate would select music and organize practices with musicians/praise team. Ability to play musical instruments is preferred but not required. The package includes housing. The ideal candidate will have a "heart" for worshipping God and leading others to know Him deeper through song and praise. Interested applicants should contact Pastor Will Robbins at 985.773.4408 (cell) or 985.796.9294 (church office).

●**Mandeville's First Baptist** will host a Men's Charge Conference Friday and Saturday, March 27 and 28, featuring dynamic worship, breakout sessions, food and fellowship. Conference speaker will be Dr. Jamie Dew, President, NOBTS. Pastor is Corey Fontan.

●**New Zion (Covington)** will host **Paige Patterson** on Monday, February 3, at 10:00 a.m. followed by lunch and again at 7:00 that evening. A **Sheep Dog Seminar** will be held at New Zion on April 24-25 (1-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Friday, and 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday). Tickets are \$49.00 until March 1; \$59.00 until April 1; and \$69.00 after April 1. Pre-registration is required at <https://www.sheepdogsafetytraining.com/new-orleans-la-april2425-2020>. Pastor is Clark Stewart.

●**First (Slidell)** will have an **Adult Winter Bible Study** February 17-20 at 10 a.m. each day. The pastors will be leading through a study of the "Light & Darkness through the book of John". Lunch will be served after the bible study. The cost is \$2 per person. The annual **Ladies Valentine Banquet** will be on Friday, February 14, at 12 noon. Ladies who are widowed or single over the age of 60 are invited. The event is sponsored by the deacons and wives. **Upward Basketball and Cheerleading** will begin their season on February 14 and continue through April 4. Practices begin the week of February 3rd. The **Parade Outreach Event** this year will be during the Selene Parade on Friday, February 21, and will start at 4 p.m. on the front lawn with food, cups, candy, and hot chocolate. **Sonshine Club Meetings** for Senior Adults will be Friday, February 28, and Friday, March 27, at 12 noon. Pastor is Casey Stark.

●**Old Zion Hill (Independence)** is hosting a Special Needs Valentine Banquet Saturday, February 8, at 6 p.m. Tickets are required for admittance. They are free but limited. Contact Kathy Hayden with Uniquely Blessed for tickets at 985.517.8475 or kathayden66@yahoo.com. Directions to the church: From I-55 take the Tickfaw exit, go west, and the church is located 4 miles on the left. Gary Dennis is pastor.

●**Springville (Livingston)** will host a Small Church Child Protection and Security Conference Sunday, February 9, at 5:30 p.m. The conference will be led by Mrs. Deleeece Nichols, Children's Ministry Director at Greenwell Springs Baptist Church. Small Church Children's Ministry is different. It is not scaled down big church methodology. Mrs. Nichols, bringing her vast experience and neat personality, will emphasize the unique issues small churches face teaching the good news of Jesus while protecting children, protecting volunteers, protecting the church, and maintaining a small church child protection policy that works. The church is located at 22902 Hwy 42, Livingston, LA 70754. Please RSVP to 225.337.0595 or Facebook: @SpringvilleBaptistChurch. Steve Arledge is pastor.

●**Trinity (Hammond)** will have HIS Kids Activity Time with crafts, music, and games Saturday, February 8, and Saturday, March 14, 10 a.m. to noon. HIS Kids is a special needs ministry for ages 10-25. Trinity will host a Greg Sullivan & Answered Prayer Concert Sunday, March 22, at 5:30 p.m. Avery Dixon is pastor.

●**Bethlehem (Albany)** welcomes Michael Gill to their staff. Michael will serve as pastor of discipleship and administration. He and his wife, Beth, have two daughters Katie and Ellie. Pastor is Jason Ogle.

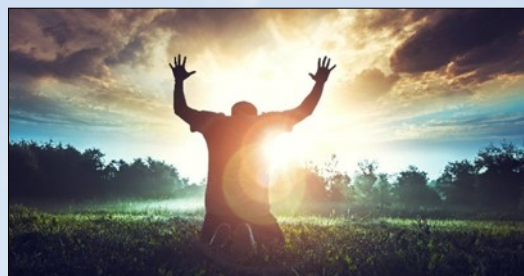
ShoreLines

By Don Pucik

Associational Mission Strategist

*Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, **faithful** in prayer. (Romans 12:12)*

Do you ever find yourself “too busy” to pray? We know life and ministry should never displace our personal prayer time, but too often we forget that God has called us to Himself first. Why should a believer make time for prayer each day? Here are four biblical reasons:



(1) To enjoy an intimate relationship with God. *"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me."* (John 10:27) Prayer is so much more than presenting a "want list" or reciting religious phrases. Prayer involves interaction between the heart of a believer and the greatest love in his or her life: Jesus Christ. When we are in love, we want to spend all our time involved with the object of our love. Prayer is like that. **Application:** Take a moment and speak to the Lord, silently expressing your love to Jesus!



(2) To open doors of hearts closed to God's love. *"And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message."* (Col. 4:3) Paul uses the analogy of an "open door" to describe an opportunity to tell others about Jesus Christ. Notice too that when Paul asked his readers to pray for an "open door" he was in prison. Imagine that! He could have asked for his freedom, yet he asked instead for the opportunity to share Christ! **Application:** In all your relationships (co-workers, family and friends), where do you encounter firmly closed "doors" when it comes to talking about Christ? Perhaps the person will not listen, does not have the time, or lives too far away. Ask God to open one of those doors.

Don Pucik

(3) To raise up workers to reach the world in our day. *"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."* (Luke 10:2) Jesus knew that a "harvest" of devoted followers would result IF loving workers would go out and build relationships in the crowd. Where there is human need in our church, our community, or our world, then Jesus directs us to pray for workers to go and address those needs. Of course, it would be silly to pray this prayer without being willing to go ourselves! **Application:** Where are the specific "harvest" fields around your church today? What groups of people need ministry in and outside the church? Ask God to raise up a new generation of impassioned servants.

(4) To help others in trouble - no matter where they are in the world. *"...join me in my struggle by praying to God for me."* (Rom. 15:30) Prayer enables us to join with laborers around the world as they struggle with sin and evil. Paul specifically requests prayer for several items (see verses 31-32), but he describes the act of praying as joining him "in my struggle". When we pray with others regarding their problems and needs, we become real participants in their life and work. **Application:** Have you ever had to face a major crisis alone? What does it mean to you when someone prays for you when you are in trouble? Who do you need to help in prayer today?

Daily prayer is vital. Lives are at stake. Eternity is on the line. Will you set your heart to meet with God each day? ~

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God has a purpose for every church. There is much that He wants to do through each church. However, it has been our experience that God gives each church and its leaders “crossroads moments” in their history where they must make decisions based on faith if they are to continue to be used to fulfill the purposes God has in mind for them. It has also been our experience that the current health of any church is a summation of the decisions made over many years.

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- We will begin at **9:00am** (registration at 8:30am) and conclude at **3:00pm**.
- The cost of **\$10.00** includes lunch and the two featured books.

Whether your church is experiencing positive spiritual health or finds itself struggling, it is vitally important to be oriented to the Headship of Christ. We encourage you to set aside time to attend the entire gathering in March, determined to park your heart before God, allowing Him to speak to you in fresh and transforming ways. Bring several of your key leaders as well so that together, you can experience God’s heart for you and your church!

Register/RSVP Today
Northshore Baptist Association Office
(225) 567-5086
office@NorthshoreBaptists.net

Cost is **\$10 cash/check**
(For Lunch + 2 Books)

Conference Location:
First Baptist Church
16333 Hwy 1085
Covington LA

“The overwhelming response from the pastors was that they felt that every pastor in our association needed to hear what Richard Blackaby and Mark Clifton had to share. The Biblical challenge delivered by Richard Blackaby was powerful! The practical insights from Mark Clifton pertaining to the “nuts and bolts” of church revitalization was extremely insightful. The message of the Revive Conference is one that needs to be delivered to the church in North America!”

“Revive, there couldn’t be a more perfect name for this one day conference. I came expecting to get some good information on how to revive my congregation, which I received, but I came away with so much more. I came away with my own soul being revived!”

“The main thing I brought back with me from the conference was hope.”

Session Titles

“Christ’s Presence and His Church”
“Reclaiming the Glory”
“Living and Leading Out of the Overflow”

Includes a Q & A
time with
Richard and Mark



Mark Your Calendar Northshore Baptist Association

FEBRUARY 2020

- 1 CON E (Conferencia de Evangelismo) <https://louisianabaptists.org/event/2020-con-e-conferencia-de-evangelismo-lafayette/>
- 1 & 8 Adult Reading and Writing Ministry Workshop <https://louisianabaptists.org/event/adult-reading-and-writing-ministry-workshop-2/>
- 7-8 Disaster Relief Training <https://louisianabaptists.org/event/2020-disaster-relief-training-livingston/>
- 10-16 Focus on WMU
- 14-15 Collegiate Evangelism Conference <https://louisianabaptists.org/event/2020-collegiate-evangelism-conference-cec/>
- 17-18 2020 Kid Min Retreat <https://louisianabaptists.org/event/2020-kid-min-retreat-tall-timbers/>
- 21 2020 Youth Forum <https://louisianabaptists.org/event/2020-forum/>
- 27 Partnership Missions Roundtable <https://louisianabaptists.org/event/2020-mission-ready-roundtable-new-orleans/>
- 29 Hispanic Church Life Workshop <https://louisianabaptists.org/event/2020-hispanic-church-life-workshop-new-orleans-baptist-association/>

MARCH 2020

- 1-8 Week of Prayer for North American Missions & Annie Armstrong Easter Offering <https://louisianabaptists.org/event/2020-week-of-prayer-for-north-american-missions-annie-armstrong-easter-offering-sbc/>
- 6-7 VBS Retreat @ Tall Timbers <https://louisianabaptists.org/event/2020-vbs-retreat/>
- 8 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 17 Listening Session with Dr. Steve Horn @ FBC Covington (see page 1 for details)
- 24 REVIVE! Christ and His Church @ FBC Covington (see page 4 for details)
- 20 Spring Begins
- 20-21 Embrace 2020: RELENTLESS <https://louisianabaptists.org/event/2020-embrace/>

THE SINGING SENIOR SAINTS, hosted by First Baptist Church of Ponchatoula, has openings for senior adults who love to sing and want to do singing ministry in the local community. Rehearsals are at the church from 1-2 p.m. on Mondays. Chip Vickers is director. Call 985.974.8747 for more information.



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

WMU News

Thank you to everyone who came to our Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer on November 4. It was a great time together, along with the students at SLU, at the BCM building. We enjoyed great music, heard an inspiring message from Rev. Colt Waggner, and everyone loved the taco soup for lunch. We, along with Baptist women around the world, let our light shine throughout our neighborhoods, on the campus at SLU, and in our personal lives.

I know our International Mission Study on January 25 will be even more inspiring. I'll share the refugee simulation we experienced with you in our next newsletter.

Dates to Remember

February 10-16: Focus on WMU - Be sure to let your church know what your group has been involved in this past year. It's a great time to invite new members to join your group, too.

February 15: Children's Ministry Day - Make plans to involve your church's children in a ministry endeavor.

March 1-8: Week of Prayer for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

March 20-21: Embrace (for all women) - Women's Conference - FBC, Pineville, LA

In service for Christ,
Janice Cowart, WMU Director

Week of Prayer for North American Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

March 1-8

National Goal: \$70 million

For I passed on to you as most important what I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the scriptures."

(1 Corinthians 15:3-4 CSB)



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.

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.

	Nov-Dec	YTD		Nov-Dec	YTD		Nov-Dec	YTD
Albany First	711.15	5,123.70	Killian First	-0-	1,170.90	True Life	200.00	1,300.00
Antioch	39.63	252.07	Lee Hill	261.69	1,424.96	Victory	-0-	-0-
Bayou	100.00	500.00	Lee Valley	-0-	-0-	Wadesboro	-0-	-0-
Bedico	875.00	4,551.07	Life	-0-	-0-	Wardline	-0-	1,925.00
Bethlehem	739.00	5,122.00	Lighthouse	576.00	1,315.00	Westside	858.54	4,941.74
Blood River	784.86	4,167.25	Loranger	2,412.61	8,475.47	Woodhaven	113.00	671.00
Bogue Falaya	833.37	5,000.00	Louisiana	-0-	-0-	Woodland	545.49	1,964.45
Boots N Saddles	85.42	261.56	Manchac	-0-	150.00	Woodland Park	2,934.88	15,861.63
Calvary	200.00	1,200.00	Mandeville's First	3,898.91	15,679.86	TOTAL	52,358.59	271,276.62
Celebration (Cov/Mand)	300.00	1,800.00	Midway	-0-	-0-			
Celebration (Slidell)	300.00	1,800.00	Millville	-0-	897.90			
Coburn	-0-	-0-	Mt. Calvary	-0-	163.72			
Collins Blvd.	-0-	600.00	Natalbany	1,473.27	9,353.27			
Countryside	75.00	375.00	New Beginning	-0-	450.00			
Covenant	60.00	200.00	New Beulah	246.89	1,104.23	Expenditures	44,956.65	264,045.23
Creekside	300.00	1,200.00	New Hope	-0-	-0-	Church Receipts	52,358.29	271,276.62
Cristo para Todos	-0-	-0-	New Life Community	270.90	1,366.47	Additional Income	-0-	-0-
Crossbrand	282.38	1,268.38	New Zion	1,087.17	14,544.47	Balance		85,248.51
Crossgate	-0-	1,189.19	Northshore	1,670.00	9,185.00	Designated Accounts		712,947.29
Crossroads	1,570.71	6,624.81	Northside	167.14	2,030.92			
Ebenezer	604.98	2,475.98	Old Zion Hill	722.83	3,749.66			
Emmaus	-0-	-0-	Ponchatoula's First	4,572.72	20,931.62			
Evans Creek	485.99	2,123.10	Red Bluff	452.89	2,167.52			
First, Covington	4,000.00	24,000.00	Redemption, Lacombe	200.00	1,200.00			
First, Folsom	719.35	4,443.64	Redemption Christian	-0-	-0-			
First, Hammond	503.74	1,441.87	Ridge Memorial	50.00	200.00			
First, Independence	300.00	2,250.00	River Fellowship	442.05	1,996.28			
First, Madisonville	-0-	1,058.24	Serenity	63.88	283.37			
First, Pearl River	1,051.41	6,158.35	Springville	169.00	774.47			
First, Slidell	1,566.66	8,649.99	Still Water	-0-	-0-			
First, Springfield	53.14	782.31	Tammany Hills	950.85	3,449.29			
First, Tickfaw	482.52	2,054.16	The Bridge	200.00	1,200.00			
French Corner	176.43	2,266.67	The Field Church	200.00	1,400.00			
Grace	90.70	592.90	Thompson Road	437.22	2,784.34			
Grace Community	161.35	1,152.80	Trinity	715.00	3,822.00			
Grace Fellowship*	412.50	2,145.28						
Grace Hispanic	31.55	189.95						
Grace Memorial	5,633.04	15,566.31						
Greater St. James	-0-	-0-						
Hebron	600.00	3,300.00						
Iglesia Agua Viva	19.37	158.33						
Iglesia Buenas Nuevas	138.72	810.31						
Iglesia Cristo Redentor	217.24	1,799.39						
Immanuel	272.37	1,072.26						
Jerusalem	1,688.08	7,615.21						

*Applied for NBA Membership

Expenditures	44,956.65	264,045.23
Church Receipts	52,358.29	271,276.62
Additional Income	-0-	-0-
Balance		85,248.51
Designated Accounts		712,947.29

Welcome

Pastors & Staff

Zack Bennett

Pastor

Evans Creek, Pearl River

Melanie Lawler

Director of Children's Ministries
First, Slidell

Adam Watson

Worship Pastor
First, Covington

Michael Gill

Pastor of Discipleship
& Administration
Bethlehem, Albany

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March 16, 2020

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