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"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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Week of Prayer for North American Missions

and

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

March 3-10

2024 Goal: \$75 million

[Annie Armstrong Easter Offering](#)

Disaster Relief Training

March 8-9

Jefferson Baptist Church
9135 Jefferson Highway, Baton Rouge

Classes Offered:

- Chainsaw/Blue Tarp (All Day)
- Chaplain/OSFA Training (All Day)
- Asset Protection
- Feeding
- Forklift

Chaplain/OSFA trainings are Friday and Saturday. All other trainings are Saturday only. Chainsaw/Blue Tarp and Chaplain/OSFA Trainings are ALL DAY (Morning AND Afternoon). Otherwise, you are free to choose two different trainings to attend

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He Is Not Here, He Is Risen

Northshore Church News



●**First (Mandeville)** will host a Pastor & Wife Date Night on Thursday, April 4, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 per couple. Dinner and childcare is provided. Special guests are Jamie and Tara Drew (NOBTS) and Mark and Janet Dance (Guidestone). Come and enjoy an evening of delicious food, warm fellowship, and a fun and inspiring boost to your ministry marriage from seasoned ministry marriages. Please register by Friday, March 29 by email at AdminAssist@fbcmandeville.org or by phone at 985-626-3217. Please indicate childcare needs when you register. Pastor is Ronny Cooksey.

●**Ridge Memorial (Slidell)** is praying for a great 2024. Last year, the church experienced 6 funerals in 6 months. Sad but all were saved. On January 7, a 59-year-old man who has been attending got born again. We all are rejoicing and give God all the praise. Slidell Baptist Seminary continues to be used of the Lord to prepare men for the ministry and women to teach. We have around 5200 students from the age of 18 to 82. On another note, SBS on December 31, 2023, was accredited for another year by AAATI. The school has been accredited since 1997. The seminary also has an A+ rating in the Better Business Bureau. To God be the glory. Pastor is Paul Dabdoub.

●**First (Folsom)** has three job opportunities: 1) A Ministry Assistant of Technology & Support to provide assistance with technology and other administrative needs. 2) A part-time Minister of Worship to lead the praise team. First Folsom is a growing church who is passionate about Christ-centered worship and has a blended style worship. 3) A nursery worker that is CPR certified. Please email pastor Will Robbins at pastor@fbcfolsom.com or call 985-773-4408 with any questions or inquiries about these positions.

●**Bedico (Ponchatoula)** will host a Women's Conference "Abounding in Faith" on Saturday, March 16, 9 a.m. to 12 noon with guest speaker Leann Rollins. The conference includes fellowship, breakout sessions, praise and worship, and more. Breakfast and lunch are included. [Register on-line](#). *Easter celebrations include the Annual Easter Eggstravaganza on Sunday, March 24, at 3 p.m., a fun-filled afternoon with games, crafts, inflatables, egg hunt, snacks, the Easter Story, and more. A Good Friday Remember Service is planned for Friday, March 29, at 6 p.m. with the Lord's Supper. Easter Sunday services on March 31 include a Sunrise Service at 7 a.m., Resurrection Breakfast at 8 a.m. and Rejoice Easter Celebration Services at 9 and 10:30 a.m. *Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets the first Sunday of every month at 7:30 a.m. All men are encouraged to attend for a time of devotion, fellowship, prayer, and a good hearty breakfast. Bo Rice is interim pastor.

●**First (Covington)** Young at Heart (a time of fellowship and great food for adults 55+) will meet Tuesday, February 20, at 10:30 a.m. featuring inspiring music and storytelling by Dr. Rick Brewer. [Registration](#) is required by noon Friday, February 16. Cost is \$15 and includes lunch. *Young at Heart will also meet Tuesday, March 19, at 10:30 a.m. featuring lunch and the Fontainebleu High Jazz Band. Cost is \$15 and includes lunch.

[Registration](#) is required by noon Friday, March 15. *A Preschool Parent Banquet will be held on Thursday, February 22, 6:30 to 9 p.m. with guest speaker Dr. Donna Peavey. *A DNow Weekend is planned for youth March 15-17. [More information](#). *Come learn a simple way to share YOUR story and GOD'S story at Made to Multiply on Saturday, March 23, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. [Register on-line](#). Waylon Bailey is pastor.

●**Grace Memorial (Slidell)** will present the Easter Musical, "Jesus, the Undefeated One," on Palm Sunday, March 24. On Saturday, March 30, an Easter EGG-Stravaganza will be held from 10 a.m. to noon. This is a family event. Jerry Smith is pastor.

●**First (Slidell)** Parade Outreach Event will be during the Selene Parade on Friday, February 9, beginning at 4:30 p.m. on the Front Lawn with food, cups, candy, and hot chocolate. *The annual Ladies Valentine Banquet will be Wednesday, February 14, at 12 noon. Ladies who are widowed or single over the age of 60 are invited. The event is sponsored by Deacons and wives. *Upward Basketball and Cheerleading will begin their season on February 19 and will run through April 13. The last day to register for the upcoming season is January 27. Evaluations are January 25 and 27. ***Adults 55+** will meet for their luncheon on Friday, February 23, at noon. The cost for lunch is \$5 per person. The group plans to attend the Spring Celebration at FBC Covington in March. Since Easter weekend is at the end of March, a luncheon will not be held in March. *All families are invited to attend the Family Fun Night on Friday, March 15. There will be games, pizza and lots of fun for kids of all ages (babies through teens) along with their parents. More information to come. *The next session of Discipleship University will be in March. The classes will meet at 5 p.m. on Sundays. A schedule of classes will be available later. Pastor is Casey Stark.



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

ShoreLines

By Don Pucik

Associational Mission Strategist

A year ago, on February 8th, a small group of students stayed back after a 10 a.m. chapel service at Asbury University in Wilmore, Kentucky, to worship and pray. As students made their way to the altar rail across the front of the stage, the Holy Spirit ignited a deeper, heart-level work. Word spread swiftly as students began to message one another “you need to get back to Hughes!”

They stayed. The movement grew. To accommodate the crowds, two additional campus chapels and a local church building were opened. The number of daily attendees quickly surpassed three thousand, including students, faculty, and guests. Slipping into main auditorium on a Saturday evening, I was one of those “guests.” I became a part of the Asbury awakening for 48 hours.

For most of my adult life I have been a student of revival, but I am no expert. In smaller groups, I have “tasted” a little of what happens to His people in His Presence, but never on the scale that I experienced at Asbury. While I was driving home, a friend sent a message asking, “what were the marks of this revival?” Without hesitation I replied, “His Presence. Worship. Prayer. Testimony. Scripture reading. Brief pointed preaching. Life change and deliverance.”



Don Pucik

I sat on the floor. I sat in the balcony. I made multiple trips down front to pray. I spent time in the overflow areas and outside as crowds gathered to hear the service over loudspeakers. With my Bible opened, I listened carefully to the messages, testimonies, and scriptures that were shared. I heard what He was saying to me. I made notes in my journal. I prayed with people I didn’t know, and they prayed for me. Then we would sing praises to Him – and sing, and sing, and sing.

It quickly became obvious that once there, no one wanted to leave. Why?

Our Father was there and He was making Himself known, and that is the simplest explanation for what happened at Asbury. There is a great difference between knowing that “God is here” with my head and knowing His presence with my heart. That difference is what we mean when we say “revival.”

Why do we need revival? Because we need Him!

Revival is essential. Revival is the restoration of God’s presence to His people. In Exodus 33, God threatened to remove His presence from His people. Understanding that there is no real life apart from God’s presence, Moses pleaded for God to return to His people. In verse 15, Moses said, “If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here.” God’s presence is essential. We need Him, and we were never intended to do life or church without Him.

Revival is also experiential. In other words, when God is present, life is different. In Acts 3:19, Peter said, “Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that *times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.*” Peter understood that the presence of God alone could refresh and renew the hearts of His people.

Why do we need God’s Presence? Books have been written answering that question, but let me share five reasons that come to mind...

1. ***We need Him if we are ever going to recover a biblical sense of fear and awe.*** In Revelation 1:17, John fell on his face in the presence of God. He simply could not stand. More than a physical response, the bowing of our bodies reflects the yielding of our hearts to His rule in our lives. When God is present, our lives are reoriented around Him and not ourselves.

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2. ***We need Him if we are going to do real battle with sin in our lives.*** In Isaiah 6:1-5, the prophet had a life-defining encounter with the holy presence of God. The result was that he became intensely aware of his own sinfulness. Like raising the lights in a darkened room, God's holiness will highlight all the impurities in our lives. Isaiah wanted to deal with the sin in his life and so will we!
3. ***We need Him if we are going to love the world the way He does.*** In Luke 9:36-38, Jesus has compassion on the masses of people without God. He feels something that is visceral, engaging all the emotions in a desire to release others from spiritual darkness and disorientation. When He is present among us, our hearts will come into alignment with His heart.
4. ***We need Him if we are going to answer the heart cry of our generation.*** All around us, people have questions about God. Who is He? What is He like? Can He forgive me? Can He help me? They are interested in talking to someone who really knows God, but studies indicate that they are not looking to churches for those answers. They are not moving away from an interest in God, as much as they are running away from the institutional church. They have questions about God and a real hunger for spiritual reality, and they want those answers from people they know and trust.
5. ***We need Him if we are going to see more people giving their lives to Christ, trusting Him for salvation.*** In the presence of God, lives are changed and resistance to the gospel melts away. However, today we are seeing the fewest number of people coming to Christ since the 1940s.

Everything changes when God comes among us! Let us pray that He will revive each of our hearts with Himself, transforming our nation as we are transformed as His people.

Yours in His Presence,





Mark Your Calendar

FEBRUARY 2024

- 2-3 Collegiate Evangelism Conference (CEC) @ Pineville [More Information](#)
- 9-10 Pause Retreat - A Weekend for Pastors and Wives @ Tall Timbers (see this page for more information)
- 23 The Forum for youth ministry leaders @ Baptist Building, Alexandria [More Information](#)

MARCH 2024

- 2 Kid Min Expo - VBS Training and So Much More @ Greenwell Springs Baptist Church, Baton Rouge (see this page for details)
- 3-10 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and Week of Prayer for North American Missions (see page 1 for details)
- 8-9 Disaster Relief Training @ Jefferson Baptist Church, Baton Rouge (see page 1 for details)
- 29 Good Friday (Northshore Office Closed)
- 31 Easter Sunday



Saturday, March 2 - 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Greenwell Springs Baptist Church

19421 Greenwell Springs Road
Baton Rouge, LA

This is VBS Training and so much more!

Cost is \$10 (includes boxed lunch)

Being the best leaders we can be is a simple thing that we can do to reach kids and their families for Christ. Vacation Bible School has always been one of the best training opportunities year in and year out for our leaders. The lessons learned in VBS training easily transfer over to every other ministry when it comes to children. It only makes sense to enlarge the reach and opportunity to train leaders in every area when it comes to kids. For this reason, we transformed “VBS Retreat” into “Kid Min Expo” and we think you will love it. This training is not just for those serving in VBS. Training will be offered in all areas of Children’s Ministry and you will find something that will help you go to the next level no matter what your flavor is. Registration deadline is February 29.

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Welcome

Pastors & Staff



Jakob & Abby Harris

Jakob Harris
Pastor
First, Pearl River



A WEEKEND FOR PASTORS AND WIVES

Pause

A Weekend For Pastors & Wives

February 9-10

Tall Timbers Conference Center

A retreat that is provided for lead pastors and their spouse who serve in a Louisiana Baptist Church.


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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	836.21	5,099.06	Killian First	-0-	661.00	Wardline	-0-	2,000.00
Antioch	13.57	146.87	Lee Hill	-0-	-0-	Westside	1,527.11	9,262.93
Bayou	50.00	550.00	Lee Valley	-0-	-0-	Woodhaven	231.00	838.00
Bedico	885.00	6,476.00	Life	-0-	-0-	Woodland	-0-	587.76
Bethlehem	679.00	4,592.00	Lighthouse	2,325.75	6,012.23	Woodland Park	3,158.54	15,077.63
Blood River	254.01	3,544.40	Loranger	642.15	7,070.90	TOTAL	43,067.52	269,855.28
Bogue Falaya	645.20	2,810.38	Manchac	-0-	-0-			
Calvary	-0-	450.00	Midway	-0-	-0-	Expenditures	43,673.50	257,644.17
Celebration (Cov/Mand)	250.00	2,750.00	Millville	-0-	-0-	Church Receipts	43,067.52	269,855.28
Celebration (Slidell)	250.00	2,750.00	Mt. Calvary	94.30	619.30	Additional Income	-0-	-0-
Coburn	-0-	-0-	Natalbany	1,100.26	4,181.53	Balance		146,509.61
Collins Blvd.	-0-	600.00	New Beginning	300.00	1,200.00	Designated Accounts		917,493.49
Cornerstone (watchcare)	344.19	602.93	New Beulah	217.72	903.35			
Countryside	-0-	-0-	New Hop	-0-	-0-			
Covenant	250.00	925.00	New Life Community	250.00	1,375.00			
Creekside	-0-	900.00	New Zion	-0-	1,577.55			
Cristo para Todos	-0-	-0-	Northshore	1,833.34	11,000.04			
Crossbrand	224.16	2,605.40	Northside	356.70	2,809.30			
Crossgate	100.00	200.00	Old Zion Hill	951.61	5,502.88			
Crossroads	1,066.83	6,689.37	Ponchatoula's First	3,248.07	20,023.62			
Ebenezer	575.45	3,322.43	Red Bluff	-0-	2,040.68			
Emmaus	-0-	300.00	Redemption, Lacombe	200.00	1,200.00			
Evans Creek	-0-	1,264.42	Redemption Christian	-0-	-0-			
First, Covington	5,833.34	35,000.04	Ridge Memorial	75.00	200.00			
First, Folsom	618.74	5,662.26	River Fellowship	258.32	3,182.29			
First, Hammond	357.59	2,531.68	Serenity	108.90	883.38			
First, Independence	200.00	1,200.00	Springville	155.66	832.10			
First, Madisonville	-0-	-0-	Still Water	-0-	-0-			
First, Mandeville	2,500.00	15,000.00	SweetWater	412.12	1,768.50			
First, Pearl River	370.58	4,883.23	Tammany Hills	598.17	2,891.70			
First, Slidell	1,566.66	9,399.96	The Bridge	200.00	1,200.00			
First, Springfield	167.54	623.34	Thompson Road	414.10	2,993.64			
First, Tickfaw	-0-	-0-	Trinity	820.00	4,701.00			
French Corner	155.49	2,503.72	True Life	200.00	1,200.00			
Grace Community	321.65	3,338.42	Victory	-0-	-0-			
Grace Fellowship	153.58	3,553.22						
Grace Hispanic	-0-	-0-						
Grace Memorial	2,656.00	12,213.00						
Greater St. James	-0-	-0-						
Hebron	600.00	3,600.00						
Iglesia Agua Viva	-0-	-0-						
Iglesia Buenas Nuevas	213.12	1,235.54						
Iglesia Cristo Redentor	83.34	916.64						
Immanuel	87.26	1,027.46						
Jerusalem	1,080.19	6,792.20						



DEADLINE FOR APRIL-MAY NEWSLETTER: March 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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