



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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Executive Board Meeting Tuesday, August 6 @ 10 a.m. Thompson Road Baptist Church 59008 Thompson Road, Slidell

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.

Annual Meeting

Monday, October 7

First Baptist Church

4141 Pontchartrain Drive, Slidell

— Don't Forget to Elect Your Messengers —

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.

More Details to Come



Georgia Barnette Louisiana Mission Offering and Week of Prayer

September 8-15

Goal: \$1,750,000

Every year Louisiana Baptists take up an offering dedicated to help fund missions and ministries around the state.

The money received through the offering is used by God to transform the lives of people and churches in Louisiana.

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

Northshore Church News



● **Redemption (Lacombe)** will host the Remind Pastors' Conference on August 12-13. Keynote speaker is Dr. Bryan Chapell, Pastor Emeritus of the Historic Grace Presbyterian Church and President Emeritus of Covenant Theological Seminary. He

now leads the Administrative Committee of the Presbyterian Church in America. Dr. Chapell is most known for his book, *Christ Centered Preaching*. The heart and purpose behind this conference is for men who serve as pastors to be *reminded* of the commands that Jesus gave Peter in John 21. His instructions were to *Feed the sheep, Shepherd the sheep, and Follow Him*. As pastors, it is often easy to allow other things to cloud our vision and distract us from these primary objectives. Our prayer is that through biblical teaching, breakout sessions, worship, prayer, and fellowship, each pastor will leave the *Remind Conference* refreshed and ready to *Feed, Shepherd, and Follow* upon returning to his church and home. Cost is \$45. For more info and to register go to www.remindconference.org. Contact: 985-882-5682 (church office) or remind@rclacombe.org. Byron Brown is pastor.

● **Jerusalem (Hammond)** is in search of a pastor. The position is full time. Resumes may be sent to Jerusalem Baptist Church, 11109 Jerusalem Church Road, Hammond, LA 70403 or emailed to accounting@jbcpc.org.

● **First (Covington)** will host a **parenting conference** on September 6 and 7. Registration will open on August 8 at www.fbccov.org. **Adults 55+ Fall Celebration** featuring Platinum Sound and their Big Band era music. will be Tuesday, October 8, at 10 a.m. in the worship center. Cost is \$15, payable at the door, and includes lunch. Online registration is required at www.fbccov.org/adults-55. The deadline to register or cancel is noon, Friday, October 4. 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. David Rockett is adult 55+ and congregational care pastor. Waylon Bailey is pastor.

● **Bogue Falaya (Folsom)** is accepting resumes for a part-time administrative assistant. For more information contact Jeremy Moseley, pastor, at 850-890-1756 or Jeremy@bfbchurch.org OR Cliff Bonvillion, personnel chair, at 504-782-9836

● **First (Mandeville)** will host the Everyman Conference for men on Saturday, February 22, 2025. Pastor is Ronny Cooksey.



● **Ridge Memorial (Slidell)** The membership of Ridge Memorial were thrilled to see the Lord bless the National Graduation of Slidell Baptist Seminary. The Class of 2024 was honored. The church was packed out with over 400 people in support of the graduates. The graduation was professionally recorded by Video Specialties of Slidell. Bro. Paul Dabdoub preached the charge to the graduates entitled "Don't Ever Give Up". He also sang a song for the graduates called "Celebrate Me Home". Video Specialties of Slidell put the message and song on Youtube. If anyone would like to watch the video, type in for the sermon Dr. Paul Dabdoub-"Don't Ever Give Up" or for the song, type Dr. Paul Dabdoub-"Celebrate Me Home". The seminary was founded in 1994 and is now thirty years old. The membership of Ridge Memorial Baptist Church supports this ministry completely. Pastor Dabdoub said, "as pastor of the church for over 33 years, I must say that I am honored to be their pastor. We have a great relationship still. We give God the honor, praise and glory for the church and seminary." The seminary website is www.slidellbaptistseminary.org.

● **Woodland Park (Hammond)** is in search of an interim worship leader for their contemporary worship service and a part time children's ministry intern. For job descriptions contact the church office at 985-345-4012 or woodlandparkonline@gmail.com.

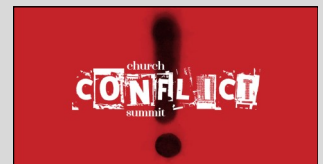
LBC Church Conflict Summit

Thursday, August 22

8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Baptist Building, Alexandria
(\$45 includes breakfast & lunch)

[Registration](#)



LBC One-Day Transitional Interim Training

Thursday, Sept. 19

9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Baptist Building, Alexandria
\$10 (Material & Lunch provided)

[Registration](#)



ShoreLines

By Don Pucik
Associational Mission Strategist

Many associations within the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) are facing a decline in support and growing doubts about their relevance and value to member churches. From 1993 to last year, there has been an 11.6% decline in the total number of associations affiliated with the SBC, dropping from 1,217 to 1,076.

The critical question all associations are facing is *“why do we even need an association?”*

Over the past two years, your Administrative Council made significant efforts to tackle this question in the Northshore. During a series of listening sessions conducted from January through May 2023, Northshore leaders gathered to help identify a new rationale (a compelling set of purposes) for working together. In effect, they said *“this is the kind of church network that we want to be part of.”*



Don Pucik

What was the new rationale that emerged from those conversations? Together, we said that the Northshore Baptist Association should be a group of churches:

*“Working together to fulfill the Great Commission in the Northshore and beyond by encouraging the spiritual vitality, ministry competencies, and the personal wellbeing of **pastors**; promoting **church health** through collaborative learning and best practices; and developing and communicating opportunities for **cooperative ministry efforts.**”*

During our 2023 Annual Meeting, messengers adopted the new operating rationale and directed the Administrative Council to *“finalize **a new organizational plan** and documents for the Northshore churches during the July meeting of the Administrative Council. If approved, this will be submitted for adoption by the Executive Board (August 2024) and the annual meeting of the Northshore Baptist Association (October 2024).”*

After the Annual Meeting, the Administrative Council created two workgroups that dedicated time to exploring the most effective ways to implement various aspects of the rationale. They discussed ministry plans, available resources, and hosted or sponsored multiple events. As a result of the hours they put into a workgroup strategy, the components of a new organizational design began to take shape.

We realized that a new “wineskin” for the Association should:

- leverage our people and financial resources to serve the priority ministries identified by the Association;
- avoid “busyness” by simplifying the administrative structure of the Association;
- maximize the best use of available volunteer hours by eliminating unnecessary meetings and commitments;

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- increase the flow of communication of available resources and service opportunities across the Association; and
- create new pathways for more individuals and churches to become involved in the priority ministries of the Association.

To this end, and as requested by the Association in their 2023 Annual Meeting, ***the Administrative Council is proposing the adoption of a preliminary Operations Manual and a 2025 Budget to launch and fund the new associational ministry model for the period October 7, 2024 through March 10, 2025.*** Please note that:

the adoption of this proposal will temporarily suspend our current guiding documents in order to (1) allow time to implement the new organization and (2) to re-write our Constitution, Membership Standards, and Personnel Policies to align with the new Operations Manual;

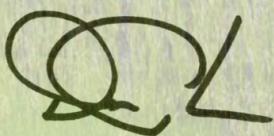
the adoption of this proposal extends the term of service for the current leadership until the Nominating Committee can provide a list of nominees for the positions described in the preliminary Operations Manual; and

on March 10, 2025 the Association will hold its first Spring Semiannual Meeting and the Administrative Council will propose a final set of guiding documents for adoption by the messengers.

This proposal will be explained further during our Executive Board meeting on August 6th. On October 7th it will be presented during our Annual Meeting for consideration by the messengers.

Let me offer one final observation concerning this proposal. We believe the functional role of any new organization is to support the working of God in and through His people – in the same way that “new wineskins” support the expansive power of “new wine” (Luke 5:37-38). This proposal is primarily about the “wineskin” that is the Northshore Baptist Association – but what we most need is the “new wine” of the presence and power of Jesus – directing and empowering His people as they move into His harvest fields.

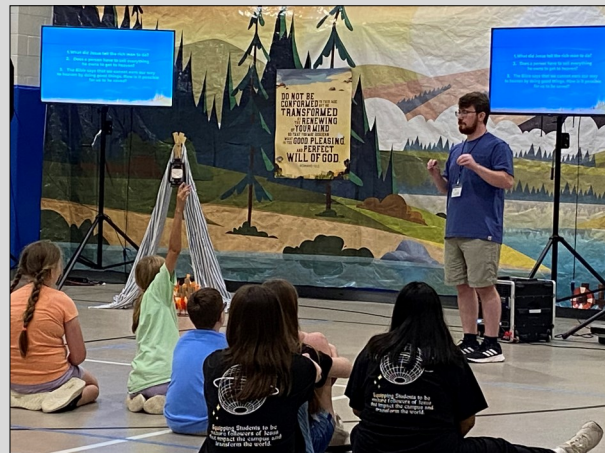
Please pray with me for His manifest and majestic Presence among us in the Northshore.



Fun at Vacation Bible School



SweetWater Church, Abita Springs, had GOLA help with VBS at the Abita Springs Recreation Center. They had a great first time experience with a high attendance of 12 children on Wednesday. Ken Schroeder is pastor.



First Baptist Church, Pearl River, averaged 50 children and 48 adults/youth volunteers during VBS. They had a total offering of \$949.86 that went to help support the family of Zach Ainsworth for their new church plant ministry in Phoenix, Arizona. Jakob Harris is pastor.




Thompson Road Baptist Church, Slidell, girls soundly defeated the boys this year in their Vacation Bible School food drive. This year the children brought in 407 pounds of food for Slidell's Community Christian Concern food pantry. The children and adults had a great time of healthy competition. They are so thankful to be able to know it will all go to help someone else! Pastor is Randy Boyett.

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	800.19	3,076.50	Killian First	-0-	-0-	Wardline	500.00	2,200.00
Antioch	33.27	93.79	Lee Hill	-0-	-0-	Westside	693.98	3,542.44
Bayou	50.00	300.00	Lee Valley	-0-	-0-	Woodhaven	148.00	385.00
Bedico	1,143.00	4,861.00	Life	-0-	-0-	Woodland	-0-	1,062.47
Bethlehem	1,354.80	4,058.39	Lighthouse	3,397.00	3,397.00	Woodland Park	1,990.99	6,059.36
Blood River	637.31	2,108.01	Loranger	1,471.87	4,836.83	TOTAL	41,951.35	134,014.82
Bogue Falaya	411.41	777.28	Manchac	-0-	-0-	Expenditures	40,687.02	121,503.96
Calvary	-0-	200.00	Midway	-0-	-0-	Church Receipts	41,951.35	134,014.82
Celebration (Cov/Mand)	750.00	1,750.00	Millville	-0-	-0-	Additional Income	-0-	-0-
Celebration (Slidell)	750.00	1,750.00	Mt. Calvary	121.42	257.28	Balance		158,943.19
Coburn	-0-	-0-	Natalbany	786.43	2,047.52	Designated Accounts		928,020.09
Collins Blvd.	-0-	150.00	New Beginning	300.00	600.00			
Cornerstone (watchcare)	-0-	-0-	New Beulah	167.10	430.08			
Countryside	-0-	-0-	New Hope	-0-	-0-			
Covenant	100.00	475.00	New Life Community	250.00	750.00			
Creekside	-0-	300.00	New Zion	-0-	50.00			
Cristo para Todos	-0-	-0-	Northshore	2,000.00	6,000.00			
Crossbrand	-0-	-0-	Northside	276.79	1,290.07			
Crossgate	-0-	50.00	Old Zion Hill	952.00	2,659.69			
Crossroads	1,009.16	3,027.48	Ponchatoula's First	1,641.39	8,816.38			
Ebenezer	542.93	1,426.50	Red Bluff	-0-	608.65			
Emmaus	300.00	300.00	Redemption, Lacombe	100.00	600.00			
Evans Creek	487.36	837.34	Redemption Christian	-0-	-0-			
First, Covington	5,833.34	17,500.02	Ridge Memorial	-0-	50.00			
First, Folsom	533.86	4,022.52	River Fellowship	523.43	1,597.15			
First, Hammond	374.99	374.99	Serenity	135.98	533.04			
First, Independence	200.00	600.00	Springville	182.60	475.64			
First, Madisonville	-0-	-0-	Still Water	-0-	-0-			
First, Mandeville	2,500.00	7,500.00	SweetWater	200.64	630.80			
First, Pearl River	945.54	3,389.98	Tammany Hills	631.57	1,706.69			
First, Slidell	538.00	3,177.34	The Bridge	200.00	600.00			
First, Springfield	133.43	501.88	Thompson Road	684.90	1,759.18			
First, Tickfaw	-0-	-0-	Trinity	352.00	2,606.00			
French Corner	216.52	1,000.46	True Life	200.00	500.00			
Grace Community	315.00	620.00	Victory	-0-	-0-			
Grace Fellowship	261.28	742.34						
Grace Hispanic	-0-	-0-						
Grace Memorial	1,819.00	6,269.00						
Greater St. James	-0-	-0-						
Hebron	300.00	1,500.00						
Iglesia Agua Viva	-0-	-0-						
Iglesia Buenas Nuevas	234.28	684.90						
Iglesia Cristo Redentor	200.00	600.00						
Immanuel	194.86	551.19						
Jerusalem	1,073.73	3,387.64						



DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER-NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER: September 16, 2024



CELEBRATING LABOR DAY

Monday, September 2
 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward.
Colossians 3:23-24

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