



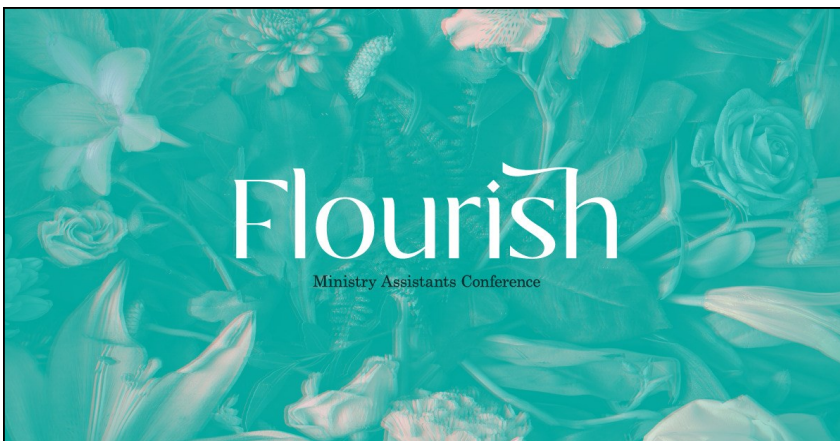
THE ANCHOR

"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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Ministry Assistants Conference

For Church Administrative Assistant, Church Ministry Assistant, Church Secretary, and more.

Thursday, April 24 - 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

The Open Door - 1709 Dulles Drive, Lafayette

A time to gather, celebrate and invest in those serving in this unique ministry. Ministry Assistants enjoy a morning of spiritual encouragement and spend the afternoon immersed in Practical Tools & Resources to enhance ministry organization and performance. Plus, there will be a session on Personal Evangelism. The afternoon will offer opportunities for veterans and those new to this ministry role.

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Northshore Church News

● **First (Slidell) Kids Kamp Summer Day Camp** registration opens April 1. Go to www.fbcslidell.org for more information and to register your child. The dates for camp are June 2-July 18. A meeting for camp parents is scheduled for May 18. The **Ladies Ministry** will show the movie “**Queen Esther**” as the conclusion of their study on the book of Esther. All ladies are invited on Thursday, April 3, at 9:30 a.m. The 2nd Annual **South East Regional Biblical Counseling Conference** will be April 11 & 12. Registration is open at www.tnproject.org/serbcc. The annual church-wide **Spring Picnic** is scheduled for Wednesday, April 23, starting at 5 p.m. in the back parking area. The cost is \$10 per person. Please bring a dessert to share. **HisKids** Children’s Ministry and Preschool Ministry will have an **After-Easter Egg Hunt** on Wednesday, April 23, at 6 p.m. on the back lawn. Ladies Ministry will host a **Crafting for Christ** event on Saturday, April 26, at 10 a.m., making floral door hangers. The cost for the door hanger will be \$15. Please reserve your spot with the church office. The **Senior Baccalaureate Service** will be Sunday, May 4, at 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch for graduating seniors and their family. The **Adults 55+** group meets the last Friday of every month at 12 noon for lunch, devotions, and a guest speaker. Reservations are required by the Monday before the meeting. The next two meetings are April 25 and May 30. Pastor is Casey Stark.



- **First (Mandeville)** will have an **Easter egg hunt** at 2:30 p.m. on Palm Sunday, a **Good Friday service** at 6 p.m. and **Easter Sunday services** at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Pastor is Ronny Cooksey.
- **SweetWater (Abita Springs)** will host a block party at the Abita Springs Recreation Center on Saturday, May 10, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with inflatables and hotdogs. Pastor is Ken Schroeder.
- **Albany First** is seeking an interim parttime worship leader with the possibility of becoming permanent. Contact Pastor Eddie Koch at 214-808-8785 or edwardkoch2000@gmail.com.
- **First (Folsom)** is seeking 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 this position. Mark your calendar for two upcoming conferences: **January 17, 2026: Ladies Conference** with speakers Dianne Nix and Tiffany Smith. **February 26, 2026: Marriage Investment, an evening to remember.** Dinner will be served. Speakers will be Drs. Jamie and Tara Dew. Pastor is Will Robbins.
- **Grace Memorial (Slidell)** will have an **Easter Egg-Stravaganza** on Saturday, April 12, at 10 a.m. for some egg-citing fun! The GMBC adult choir, orchestra and band will present “**Is He Worthy?**” on Palm Sunday, April 13, at 10:30 a.m. Jerry Smith is pastor.
- **Ridge Memorial (Slidell)** shares some information on Slidell Baptist Seminary, a ministry of Ridge Memorial Baptist Church since 1994. They are 31 years old and accredited by AAATI since 1977. Presently 6800 students are enrolled. Degrees offered are the Th.A. (Associate of Theology), Th.B. (Bachelor of Theology), Th.M. (Master of Theology) and Th.D. (Doctor of Theology). Lectures are on flash drive as well as the outlines. Very affordable. If interested, call 985-726-9600. Paul Dabdoub is pastor.



In 2025, Southern Baptists will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Cooperative Program, our unified funding initiative for fulfilling the Great Commission.

[CP100 - SBC.net](http://CP100-SBC.net)

SLU BCM Update

This week has been an awesome week for evangelism. Every week, BCM has an evangelism table on campus where we train students to share their faith, and how to use some tools to aid in conversation. This week we met two guys named Nick at the outreach table.

One was Agnostic and one was Catholic. We had the opportunity to share the gospel with these guys (from creation, to fall, to redemption and restoration)! The agnostic Nick was interested... he said he had never



heard the full story and why Christians think what they label as sin is bad. I challenged him to get to know Jesus by seeing what

Jesus says about Himself. He agreed to read the Gospel of John. Kyle, one of our new student leaders, and I are going to follow up with him on that.

Yesterday Consuming Fire (a street preaching group) came to campus and was causing a stir. We had the opportunity to go engage with the students around in the crowd. Because the topic was already on the table it was easy to get into gospel conversations.

For context, we have a GroupMe with students in it that desire to go out on to campus and share the gospel. There are about 50 or so students in the group. When a student is available, they text in the GroupMe that they are going on campus to share the gospel. We seek to get them into pairs of 2 (Like Jesus sent out the 72). They set a time to go and they GO! Our staff Kezia and Jason have been absolutely critical in getting this going! Please be in prayer for our continued ministry to the campus! Thank you for your continued support! We could not do this without your partnership!

Joe Luna

SELU Baptist Collegiate Ministry



Interested in Hosting a Vacation Bible School, but Not Sure About the Resources?

Let us help! Child Evangelism Fellowship, Northshore is here to support your church in hosting a vibrant VBS experience. This exciting, 90-minute program runs for five days or less and is designed to be fun and impactful for kids.

Here's how we can assist:

- We will canvass your neighborhood and provide promotional materials.
- We will bring a trained, background-checked team to lead the sessions.
- Our team will present Bible lessons, memory verses, songs, missionary stories, and fun games, with the Gospel message and invitation shared every day.
- The series is Discovering Jesus: children will put on their detective hats as they discover new things about Jesus each day. Children will see that Jesus loves the lost, He takes away sin, only Jesus satisfies, He has power over death, and that they can put their faith in Jesus!

Lesson 1 – Jesus Loves the Lost (parable of the lost sheep-- Luke 15:1-7; John 10:1-18; 1 Peter 2:24-25) Memory verse: Luke 19:10

Lesson 2 – Jesus Takes Away Sin (the story of Bartimaeus-- Luke 18:35-43; Mark 10:46-52) Memory verse: John 3:16

Lesson 3 - Only Jesus Satisfies (Jesus feeds the 5,000--John 6:1-15, 22-71; Mark 6:30-44) Memory verse: John 3:16

Lesson 4 - Jesus has Power over Death (Jesus raises Lazarus-- John 11:1-46) Memory verse: John 11:25

Lesson 5 - Put Your Faith in Jesus (healing of the official's son --John 4:46-53) Memory verse: John 11:25

- Mission Story is Mary Slessor

All you need to do is provide the space and daily snacks for the kids. As a bonus, we would love the opportunity to speak to your congregation about how Child Evangelism Fellowship can help grow your children's ministry.

Let's work together to make this a meaningful experience for your community!

For the Children,

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ShoreLines

By Don Pucik

Associational Mission Strategist

Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) associations are struggling. A noticeable decrease in participation and a growing sense of irrelevance are causing deep concern among member churches, leading to questions about their future viability. The SBC experienced a substantial 11.6% reduction in its affiliated associations from 1993 to last year, falling from 1,217 to 1,076—a decline suggesting noteworthy shifts in the SBC's organizational landscape. The question hanging over every association is a critical one: *“Why do we even need an association?”* This question echoes in empty conference rooms and whispered conversations.



Don Pucik

At our spring meeting on March 10th at the Bedico Baptist Church in Ponchatoula, messengers approved the final version of a “new wineskin” for the Northshore Baptist Association. Their message was clear: local Southern Baptist Churches need each other as a network. Our leaders on the Northshore are in the midst of a major shift, actively participating in new work processes. The feeling is one of excitement mixed with the necessary adjustments to a new paradigm.

While my weekly meetings with pastors and church leaders remain unchanged, I'm thrilled we've solidified our association's purpose, answering the crucial question of its necessity. We believe God has tasked us with fulfilling the Great Commission in our local community, recognizing that no individual church can accomplish this alone. To fulfill His leading and direction, we must join forces to ensure that the Northshore's population—every man, woman, boy, and girl—hears the gospel.

This requires a three-pronged approach: strong pastoral support systems, a revitalized focus on both the spiritual and operational health of the church, and creative collaborations to advance crucial mission goals. As a result, we have formed specialized task groups to handle each area, ensuring focused attention and effective solutions. Stay informed as we unveil a series of innovative opportunities, impactful events, and supportive resources to empower your church in its ministry.

But a new wineskin, tender and yielding, is only truly valuable if it is receptive to the sweet, potent influence of His Presence. Our work must be conceived through prayer and nurtured continually in prayer – each step a direct result of His leading. Success is unattainable if we exclude Him from our plans; our actions will be in vain. Let's strive to live a life that pleases God, reflecting Him fully in all that we do.

When praying, make sure to mention other churches, whether you are praying alone or with your congregation. Ask the Lord to give us His way forward in every circumstance we face. For His glory, let's wait on Him together!

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.

	Jan-Feb	YTD		Jan-Feb	YTD		Jan-Feb	YTD
Albany First	1,103.11	1,103.11	Lee Hill	-0-	-0-	Wardline	1,400.00	1,400.00
Antioch	70.66	70.66	Lee Valley	-0-	-0-	Westside	1,293.46	1,293.46
Bayou	100.00	100.00	Life	-0-	-0-	Woodhaven	100.00	100.00
Bedico	2,786.00	2,786.00	Lighthouse	-0-	-0-	Woodland	-0-	-0-
Bethlehem	250.00	250.00	Loranger	5,426.62	5,426.62	Woodland Park	3,605.68	3,605.68
Blood River	510.31	510.31	Manchac	-0-	-0-	TOTAL	49,450.46	49,450.46
Bogue Falaya	639.15	639.15	Midway	-0-	-0-			
Calvary	-0-	-0-	Millville	166.13	166.13	Expenditures	35,576.85	35,576.85
Celebration (Cov/Mand)	-0-	-0-	Mt. Calvary	165.05	165.05	Church Receipts	49,450.46	49,450.46
Celebration (Slidell)	-0-	-0-	Natalbany	544.25	544.25	Additional Income	-0-	-0-
Coburn	-0-	-0-	New Beginning	-0-	-0-	Balance		169,511.11
Collins Blvd.	150.00	150.00	New Beulah	-0-	-0-	Designated Accounts		946,568.97
Countryside	-0-	-0-	New Hope	-0-	-0-			
Covenant	200.00	200.00	New Life Community	50.00	50.00			
Creekside	-0-	-0-	New Zion	-0-	-0-			
Cristo para Todos	-0-	-0-	Northshore	1,666.68	1,666.68			
Crossbrand	-0-	-0-	Northside	257.43	257.43			
Crossgate	-0-	-0-	Old Zion Hill	768.50	768.50			
Crossroads	1,009.16	1,009.16	Ponchatoula's First	6,231.15	6,231.15			
Ebenezer	1,232.41	1,232.41	Red Bluff	529.98	529.98			
Emmaus	-0-	-0-	Redemption, Lacombe	300.00	300.00			
First, Covington	2,916.67	2,916.67	Redemption Christian	-0-	-0-			
First, Folsom	1,391.26	1,391.26	Ridge Memorial	25.00	25.00			
First, Hammond	234.93	234.93	River Fellowship	454.46	454.46			
First, Independence	200.00	200.00	Serenity	116.58	116.58			
First, Madisonville	-0-	-0-	Springville	-0-	-0-			
First, Mandeville	3,750.00	3,750.00	Still Water	-0-	-0-			
First, Pearl River	403.14	403.14	SweetWater	-0-	-0-			
First, Slidell	424.88	424.88	Tammany Hills	1,541.10	1,541.10			
First, Springfield	-0-	-0-	The Bridge	400.00	400.00			
First, Tickfaw	-0-	-0-	Thompson Road	335.80	335.80			
French Corner	350.65	350.65	Trinity	924.00	924.00			
Grace Community	-0-	-0-	True Life	100.00	100.00			
Grace Fellowship	343.02	343.02	Victory	-0-	-0-			
Grace Hispanic	-0-	-0-						
Grace Memorial	2,829.00	2,829.00						
Greater St. James	-0-	-0-						
Hebron	600.00	600.00						
Iglesia Agua Viva	-0-	-0-						
Iglesia Buenas Nuevas	168.68	168.68						
Iglesia Cristo Redentor	300.00	300.00						
Immanuel	112.48	112.48						
Jerusalem	973.08	973.08						
Killian First	-0-	-0-						



Take a look at our newly designed website
www.NorthshoreBaptists.net



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



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June 8-11
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