



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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Semiannual Meeting

Monday, October 6

First Baptist Church

1895 Highway 190, Mandeville

4:00 p.m. - Workshop led by Sammy Tippit

Building Unstoppable Momentum—A Proven Discipleship System

Every church should be a seedbed for deeper spiritual maturity, authentic community, natural evangelism, and sustainable growth. Building systems for making disciples is essential to a church that thrives and grows. This pre-session workshop will provide you with four pillars of discipleship that can help you foster a multiplication movement within the church.

5:15 p.m. - Meal - **Please RSVP by 4 p.m. Thursday, October 2**

office@northshorebaptists.net

6:30 p.m. - Business Session and Worship Service



Sammy Tippit
Southern Baptist
evangelist, author,
and revivalist

Sammy Tippit Ministries has been providing inspiration and help around the world for more than 50 years. Sammy Tippit, founder and president, is a world- renowned counselor, teacher, and evangelist with experience serving and helping people in over 80 countries. Sammy provides materials that help people tackle a broad array of social, societal, psychological and spiritual issues. He is particularly passionate about making spiritual resources accessible to other countries around the world.

Elect Your Messengers

Pastor/Ordained Staff Member
1 messenger

0-100 Resident Members
4 messengers (5 total)

01-200 Resident Members
1 additional messenger (6 total)

201-300 Resident Members
1 additional messenger (7 total)

301-400 Resident Members
1 additional messenger (8 total)

401-500 Resident Members
1 additional messenger (9 total)

501+ Resident Members
1 additional messenger
(10 total)

Northshore Church News

●**First (Covington)** Adults 55+ Fall Celebration will be held Tuesday, October 21, 10 a.m. in the worship center. Cost is \$15 payable at the door and includes lunch. Entertainment will be provided by **The Victory Belles** of The National WWII Museum, a charming vocal trio who will serenade the audience with WWII era musical hits that are sung in three-part harmony. Their wide variety of repertoire includes treasured gems of the 1940's plus patriotic classics, including a musical salute to each branch of the US Armed forces. Take a walk down memory lane, you won't want to miss this special performance! The program concludes with lunch at noon. Online REGISTRATION is REQUIRED at www.fbccov.org/adults-55. Note: SEATING IS LIMITED, and the caterer must be paid for all who are registered by the deadline so please contact the church by the deadline if you must cancel. The firm deadline to register or cancel is noon Wednesday, October 15. The **Huge Annual Indoor Garage Sale** will be held Friday, October 10, and Saturday, October 11, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the fellowship hall. All proceeds benefit missions. Donations can be dropped off on Thursday, October 9, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, contact Barb Kellar at 985-630-3812. A **Cornhole Tournament** will be held Saturday, November 1, at 11:30 a.m. at The ROC. Cost is \$25 per person. You can [register](#) individually or as a team. There will be winner prizes, door prizes, and lunch. Proceeds go to youth Summer camp scholarships. **Night to Shine** with the Tim Tebow Foundation is Friday, February 13, 5:30 to 9 p.m. [Registration](#) begins October 1. Waylon Bailey is pastor.

●**Grace Memorial (Slidell)** will have a **Family Fall Festival** Saturday, November 1, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Jerry Smith is pastor.

●**Woodhaven (Tickfaw)** is accepting resumes for an associate pastor. Resumes can be emailed to wbc1925@yahoo.com. Pastor is Ray Werline.

●**First (Ponchatoula)** Women's Ministry will have a **Ladies' Prayer Mosaic**, a go-at-your-own-pace time of prayer with guided stations, on Saturday, October 4, 9 a.m. to noon. David Cranford is pastor.

●**First (Folsom)** 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.

●**Bedico (Ponchatoula)** will have a **Family Fall Fest** on October 26, from 4-6 p.m. This is a fun and safe alternative to Halloween with games, bounce houses, petting zoo, and so much more and is free to the community. The festival will be from 4-5 p.m. and trunk or treat from 5-6 p.m. **Operation Christmas Child** packing party will be held on November 1, at 10:30 a.m. The goal is to pack over 100 shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse. **Upward Basketball and Cheer** registration opens in November and ends December 14. Registration is available online at www.Bedicobaptist.org or on [Facebook](#). Pastor is Jon Gers.

●**First (Slidell) Child Evangelism Fellowship** will have a fall training session for new schools on Saturday, October 4, starting at 8:30 a.m. Area youth groups will be gathering for **Fields of Faith** sponsored by Slidell High FCA on Monday, October 27, at 6 p.m. The address is #1 Tiger Dr. in Slidell. (LV McGinty Stadium). The **Fall Festival** for the community will be Sunday, October 26, from 4 to 6 p.m. on the back parking area of the church with food and games for the whole family. Friendly costumes are welcome. The **FBC Ladies Ministry** will make cards for area nursing home residents on Friday, November 7, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. **Upward Basketball and Cheerleading** registration will begin November 1 at www.upwardslidell.org or come by the church office. Registration will be open through mid-January. Collecting shoeboxes for **Operation Christmas Child** is one of our favorite times of the year. We will collect boxes the week of November 10 and pray over them to send them out on Sunday, November 16. Our Child Development Center and First Baptist Christian School will have **Veterans Day programs** on Monday, November 10 and Tuesday, November 11 at 9 a.m. Pastor is Casey Stark.

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● **Thompson Road (Slidell)** invites others to join in their prayer ministry: Imagine, you are going to court on the worst day of your life. You might be fighting for custody of your child. Perhaps your grandchild has done something you never thought possible and now you have to watch as he or she proceeds through the court system. Perhaps your own brother has been murdered and now, for the first time, you will face his murderer in court. Maybe your spouse has informed you they no longer want to be married.

All the stories are true and we have been there during those dark times to assure these folks that God still cares. We are able to reassure them that life is never hopeless. Every Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon we represent the love of Christ. Times are tough for all of us and we all need some help from time to time.

Through Courtside Ministry we are able to share the hope that only Christ gives. We are blessed to be able to pass out Bibles and tracts that meet the needs of those who come by the table. In short we minister to people in their time of need.

I would like to extend an invitation to any Christian



who would like to be a light in this dark world. You can come and learn how to minister in a way that will change your life forever. We meet at the Covington Courthouse every Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon.

Please consider joining us and become a blessing to others.

—Pastor Randy Boyett (985-768-9605)



CYIAers presenting the Bible lesson



CYIAers playing parachute with students

● **Wardline (Hammond)** received help from Child Evangelism Fellowship Summer Ministry Clubs (CEF) this summer. The team of Christian Youth in Action canvassed neighborhoods near Wardline Baptist Church, inviting families and distributing flyers. Lana creatively left invitations on Ring doorbell cameras. While there were no walk-in children most days, the team remained faithful to show up, serve, and be ready for all three weekends in June. Pastor Chris and Ms. Benita Fernandez faithfully supported us with encouragement, prayer, pizza, and devotions. Special thanks to Pastor Chris and Benita for their consistent support.

—Natalie D. Beam, MLIS, Northshore Coordinator, Child Evangelism Fellowship

ShoreLines

By Don Pucik

Associational Mission Strategist

Pastor Appreciation Month happens in October, and Pastor Appreciation Day takes place on the second Sunday. This year, the date falls on October 12th. Why should we take the time to show appreciation to our pastors?

Every Sunday you see your pastor standing to preach, but behind the pulpit is a man who quietly carries enormous weight. Throughout the week he visits the sick, counsels the hurting, comforts the grieving, and speaks hope into the lives of struggling souls. Most of what he does never shows up in a bulletin or announcement, yet it shapes the life of the church in profound ways.



Don Pucik

Pastors also bear unseen burdens. They absorb the criticism that comes their way, sometimes unfair and often unrelenting. The steady drip of cutting words and constant expectations can slowly drain even the strongest shepherd.

Encouragement is not a luxury; it is a lifeline. When you encourage your pastor, you help renew his spirit, restore his strength, and make him a healthier and more effective servant of Christ.

Scripture calls us to this. “Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine” (1 Timothy 5:17).

Solomon also reminds us of God’s paradox of blessing: “The generous soul will be made rich, and he who waters will also be watered himself” (Proverbs 11:25). When you pour into your pastor’s life, you find your own life refreshed in return.

So, what might this look like in October? Besides what you might do as an individual, consider joining with others to make a greater impact. A group of families could pool resources to provide a weekend away for the pastor and his family—complete with pulpit coverage. Or a class could put together a collection of gift cards that reflect his favorite hobbies and interests.

Here are a few practical ideas to get you started:

- A favorite meal delivered to his home (with advance notice, of course).
- A night out for him and his wife.
- An all-expenses-paid weekend getaway for him and his family.
- A gift card to his favorite restaurant, hobby shop, or online store.
- Something he would not ordinarily buy for himself but would genuinely enjoy
- A basket filled with handwritten notes of encouragement from church members.
- Children’s drawings or thank-you letters expressing how much he means to them.

If you can do it discreetly, ask his wife what would bless him most. She knows his needs better than anyone else. And remember, ministry is a family calling. Pastoral families often sacrifice behind the scenes, so look for ways to encourage them as well.

Of course, Pastor Appreciation Month is only one opportunity on the calendar. Encouragement can be woven into the fabric of church life all year long. Call him when a message touches your heart. Send a text letting him know you’re praying. Write a quick note of thanks after a hospital visit or funeral.

Your pastor is pouring his life out for you and your church family. This October, and in the months that follow, make it a habit to pour back into him. Imagine what might happen if every pastor in our churches felt continually supported and strengthened! A refreshed pastor leads with greater joy, serves with renewed energy, and helps the entire church flourish.



The Ministerial Staff & Spouses Lunch was held on September 17. LBC Executive Director **Steve Horn** (top right) spoke on “Everything I Needed to Know About Leadership I Learned Umpiring Youth Baseball.”

Lunch was enjoyed by attendees. Each minister was given a gift card from PJ’s Coffee. **Rickie and Chrisina Wilson** (left) won a two night cabin stay at Fontainebleau State Park. Rickie is pastor at Hebron Baptist Church, Bush.

— LBC Events —

[Ministers’ Wives Retreat](#)

October 17-18

[2026 January Bible Study Preview](#)

October 22

[VBS Preview 2025](#)

November 8

[Louisiana Baptists Pastors Conference](#)

November 10

[Louisiana Baptists Annual Meeting](#)

November 11

[Youth Evangelism Conference](#)

November 23-24

October is
PASTOR
APPRECIATION MONTH



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

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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.

	<i>July-August</i>	<i>YTD</i>		<i>July-August</i>	<i>YTD</i>		<i>July-August</i>	<i>YTD</i>
Albany First	915.38	3,934.74	Lee Hill	-0-	-0-	Wardline	600.00	2,850.00
Antioch	39.05	191.71	Lee Valley	-0-	-0-	Westside	1,361.99	5,209.43
Bayou	100.00	400.00	Life	-0-	-0-	Woodhaven	118.00	440.00
Bedico	880.00	5,922.00	Lighthouse	4,317.00	4,317.00	Woodland	-0-	-0-
Bethlehem	250.00	750.00	Loranger	1,170.57	8,150.20	Woodland Park	2,022.71	10,343.24
Blood River	715.26	3,070.86	Manchac	-0-	-0-	TOTAL	44,489.48	185,700.11
Bogue Falaya	230.92	1,102.68	Midway	-0-	-0-			
Calvary	-0-	-0-	Millville	-0-	166.13	Expenditures	36,284.93	142,947.46
Celebration (Cov/Mand)	-0-	1,350.00	Mt. Calvary	74.10	449.72	Church Receipts	44,489.48	185,700.11
Celebration (Slidell)	-0-	1,350.00	Natalbany	731.62	2,263.39	Additional Income	-0-	-0-
Christ Community	-0-	-0-	New Beginning	300.00	600.00	Balance		198,390.15
Coburn	50.00	100.00	New Beulah	-0-	846.91	Designated Accounts		963,654.70
Collins Blvd.	-0-	300.00	New Hope	-0-	-0-			
Countryside	-0-	-0-	New Life Community	50.00	200.00			
Covenant	-0-	500.00	New Zion	-0-	50.00			
Creekside	-0-	300.00	Northshore	1,666.68	6,666.72			
Cristo para Todos	-0-	-0-	Northside	358.95	1,293.15			
Crossbrand	-0-	-0-	Old Zion Hill	1,006.60	3,993.96			
Crossroads	1,009.16	4,036.64	Ponchatoula's First	3,695.35	16,234.02			
Ebenezer	683.85	3,081.22	Red Bluff	-0-	1,816.70			
Emmaus	-0-	300.00	Redemption, Lacombe	200.00	900.00			
First, Covington	6,742.42	26,515.14	Redemption Christian	-0-	-0-			
First, Folsom	573.46	5,360.22	Ridge Memorial	100.00	150.00			
First, Hammond	201.31	1,513.17	River Fellowship	200.00	1,054.46			
First, Independence	200.00	800.00	Serenity	207.72	1,181.80			
First, Madisonville	-0-	-0-	Springville	138.10	363.56			
First, Mandeville	2,500.00	11,250.00	Still Water	-0-	-0-			
First, Pearl River	489.43	1,908.11	SweetWater	357.35	1,694.88			
First, Slidell	1,504.94	5,790.40	Tammany Hills	1,392.18	4,733.40			
First, Springfield	166.03	625.43	The Bridge	300.00	1,000.00			
First, Tickfaw	180.64	729.18	Thompson Road	550.40	2,236.20			
French Corner	203.63	1,288.30	Trinity	1,462.00	3,830.00			
Grace Community	-0-	620.00	True Life	-0-	100.00			
Grace Fellowship	251.41	970.93	Victory	-0-	-0-			
Grace Hispanic	-0-	-0-						
Grace Memorial	1,702.00	8,878.10						
Greater St. James	-0-	-0-						
Hebron	600.00	2,400.00						
Iglesia Agua Viva	-0-	-0-						
Iglesia Buenas Nuevas	138.88	657.92						
Iglesia Cristo Redentor	100.00	800.00						
Immanuel	169.46	740.60						
Jerusalem	1,510.93	5,027.89						
Killian First	-0-	-0-						



*Give thanks to the Lord
For He is good. His love
endures forever.*
— Psalm 107:1



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

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