



# 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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**NORTHSHORE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

## Spring 2026 Workshop & Semiannual Meeting

Encountering His Heart, Embracing His Mission

### Monday, March 9

First Baptist Church (4141 Pontchartrain Drive, Slidell)



John Franklin

#### WORKSHOP LEADER & EVENING SPEAKER

John Franklin is an AMS in Christian County KY, a nationally known speaker in the area of prayer and spiritual awakening, as well as authoring several books on prayer, faith, and spiritual warfare.

Past experience includes serving as Prayer Specialist for LifeWay Christian Resources, Minister of Prayer for First Baptist Church Woodstock, GA, and Clarksville, TN and two pastorates. He currently resides in Hopkinsville, KY, and is married to Kathy. Together they have three children: Daniel, Nathan, and Susanna.

#### SCHEDULE

3:00 p.m. - Workshop - *Sustaining a Dynamic Personal Prayer Life in Ministry Leadership*

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

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

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### Don't Forget to Elect Your Messengers

#### Sustaining a Dynamic Personal Prayer Life in Ministry Leadership

Your effectiveness as a leader flows from the quality of your relationship with God. Positions and responsibilities will change throughout your ministry, but your walk with Him remains constant. What are the keys to deepening and protecting your fellowship with Him amid the unique demands of ministry leadership? We'll explore practical answers in our Monday afternoon session.

# Northshore Church News

●**First (Mandeville)** will host **Everyman Conference** on Saturday, February 28, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. where men will be challenged, and encouraged, enjoy good fellowship, and sing with a room full of men. Main session speakers will be Jeff Crook, lead pastor of Christ Place Church in Flower Branch, GA, and Ronny Cooksey, senior pastor of FBC Mandeville. [Registration](#).

●**Bedico (Ponchatoula) Men's Fellowship CookOut** will be Saturday, February 7, at 5 p.m. in the Family Life Center. All men are encouraged to attend for an afternoon of fellowship, good food, prayer and devotion time. No sign up or registration is required. Come and bring a friend.

**Grace Gang (55+) Valentine's Day Brunch** is Saturday, February 14, at 11 a.m. in the multipurpose building with brunch, fellowship, and devotion. **He is Alive! Easter Walk: Live Re-Enactments of Holy Week** and more. Bring the whole family out to celebrate Easter at Bedico with their first annual Live Easter Walk. They will re-enact Palm Sunday, Temple (Buying, Selling, Teaching), Washing Feet, Last Supper, Peter Denying Jesus, Jesus Arrested/Pontias Pilate, Crucifixion, Resurrection, and more. Two days to experience this event are Saturday, March 21, and Sunday, March 22, from 4 to 6 p.m. For more information call the church office at 985-845-3417 or visit their [website](#). Jon Gers is pastor.

●**First (Slidell) Kids Ministry** will have their **Lads & Dads** event on Friday, February 6, from 6 to 8 p.m. There is no cost to attend this fun time with games, Legos, and nachos. The annual **Ladies Valentine Banquet** will be Friday, February 13, at 12 noon at Pinewood Country Club. 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 7 and will run through March 28. **Adults 55+** will meet for their next luncheon on Friday, February 27, at noon at the church. The cost for lunch is \$5 per person. In March, the group will travel to FBC Covington for the Adult 55+ Spring Celebration on the 17th. All families are invited to attend the **Family Fun Night** on Friday, March 6, with games, pizza and lots of fun for kids of all ages (babies through teens) along with their parents. Pastor is Casey Stark.

●**First (Ponchatoula) Women's Ministry** (Women in the Word) will host a Women's Conference, **Overflowing Peace 2026**, on Saturday, April 25, 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Speaker is Tara Dew. Pastor is David Cranford. [Registration](#).

●**First (Covington)** will host **Night To Shine** with the Tim Tebow Foundation for individuals 14 and up who have special needs. The date is Friday, February 13, 5:30-9:00 p.m. [Guest registration](#) or [Register as a buddy](#). **BIG Adults 55+ Spring Celebration** will be Tuesday, March 17, 10 a.m. to noon featuring nationally acclaimed comedian Dennis Swanberg. The program will include great fellowship, inspiration, music, and laughter. There is no charge for this event. [Online registration](#) is required and begins February 1. Deadline to register (or cancel) is noon Thursday, March 12. A **"ManAlive" Conference** is planned for Saturday, November 14, for men age 14 years and older. Mark Hancock, the CEO of Trail Life USA, will be the keynote speaker. ManAlive! is a transformative conference empowering men of all ages to embrace their divine purpose. Featuring keynote speakers, hands-on Masterclasses, and inspiring worship, participants learn to overcome loneliness, build confidence, and step into leadership in all of the areas of life that God has made them responsible for. The event encourages men to be present in relationships, deepen faith, and forge meaningful connections with like-minded believers, leaving them inspired, renewed, and ready to live fully alive. [Register](#) before the end of March and save \$20 off the registration fee. Waylon Bailey is pastor.

●**First (Folsom)** will host **Refreshing Your Marriage** for married and engaged couples on Thursday, February 26, 6:30-9:00 p.m. Dinner will be served. Speakers will be Drs. Jamie and Tara Dew. [Registration](#). Pastor is Will Robbins.

●**Bogue Falaya (Folsom)** warmly invites you to join them for two special Sunday evening gatherings as they prepare their hearts and minds for Easter at Bogue Falaya Baptist Church. On Sunday, March 22, at 5 p.m., Dr. Vern Palmisano, will present a compelling talk on the **historical, scientific, and medical evidence surrounding the Easter story**. This presentation will thoughtfully address the reality of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and strengthen our confidence in the truth of the gospel. This evening will be both informative and faith-building, and we encourage you to invite friends and family who may have questions about the resurrection. On Sunday, March 29, at 5 p.m. we will host our **Semi-Annual Easter Program: The Living Lord's Supper**. This moving presentation brings the events of the Last Supper and the passion of Christ to life through Scripture, narration, music, and visual portrayal. As participants embody the disciples and reflect on Christ's words and sacrifice, the congregation is invited to contemplate the meaning of the cross, the cost of redemption, and the glory of the risen Lord. This reverent and Christ-centered program has been a meaningful time of worship and reflection for our church family and community. We hope you will join us for these special evenings as we fix our hearts on Christ—crucified and risen—and celebrate the hope of Easter together. Pastor is Jeremy Moseley.

## Student DNow Weekend

Friday, February 27 &  
Saturday, February 28

Woodland Park Baptist Church  
1909 J.W. Davis Drive, Hammond

Theme: Together: Living in Christ-Centered Community

Speaker: Lee Myers, Youth Ministry Strategist, LBC

Worship: Led by LSU BCM band

**All churches are welcome**

[Register](#) by February 8



## *Together 2026* A Cooperative Listening Tour

**Northshore Baptist Association and FBC Ponchatoula hosted Dr. Steve Horn, Executive Director of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, for a special listening session with pastors, church staff, and leaders from across the Northshore. Our discussion was focused on our cooperation through ministry and giving, particularly the vital role of the Cooperative Program.**



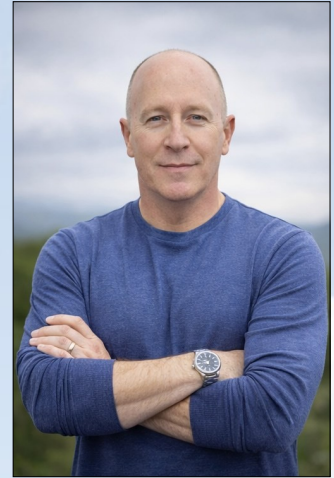
# ShoreLines

By Don Pucik

*Associational Mission Strategist*

## **An Invitation to Connect, Learn, and Grow Together**

During a 20-year journey with a small group of discipleship leaders serving churches across the southeastern United States, I experienced the deep encouragement and ministry enrichment that can come through peer collaboration. Each year, 15-20 of us met in different cities, brought our most pressing questions to the table, and engaged in transparent, substantive dialogue about our work. Without exception, I left each gathering with more insights than I could implement, deeper friendships in ministry, and a sharpened awareness of best practices and resources in our field.



**Don Pucik**

The Father used those annual meetings to do more than inform my work. He blessed it greatly! The collective wisdom in the room addressed both theological complexities and practical leadership challenges. The relationships formed there became a network of trusted colleagues I could call on throughout the year. The format was simple but powerful: we gathered, identified our most pressing topics, and worked through them together with focused discussion.

I am now extending this same opportunity to you.



**Introducing MINISTRY COLLABORATIVES.** Beginning this year, I will facilitate several MINISTRY COLLABORATIVES designed to build meaningful connections among ministry leaders across our network. These gatherings will provide a structured environment for you to engage with your peers, address real ministry challenges, and develop relationships that extend beyond our meetings.

**Meeting Structure.** Each MINISTRY COLLABORATIVE will follow a simple format:

- **Initial connection time** to build rapport among participants;
- **Collaborative agenda-setting** where you identify topics for discussion;
- **Facilitated dialogue** covering your agenda for discussion (e.g., biblical, theological, administrative, and leadership concerns); and
- **Open exchange** of insights, experiences, and resources.

As moderator, I will guide our conversations to ensure we address your priorities while maintaining a productive pace through each topic.

**Topics and Scope.** Your questions and concerns will shape our discussions. Expect conversations ranging from scriptural interpretation and theological inquiry to church administration and staffing, financial stewardship, discipleship strategies, and ministry innovation. The diversity of topics will be limited only by your ministry interests and concerns.

**Location and Accessibility.** Recognizing that our network spans a large geographical area, we will rotate

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meeting locations. This rotation ensures that each participant can attend multiple gatherings without facing prohibitive travel distances. Every location will serve as a host site, bringing the MINISTRY COLLABORATIVE to your region.

**The Broader Vision.** While each MINISTRY COLLABORATIVE should yield a wealth of valuable insights for each participant, my hope is that these gatherings will serve as a catalyst for ongoing local fellowships of ministers that might gather more frequently. As you build relationships with colleagues in your region and across our network, I want to encourage you to form your own fellowship groups. The connections initiated here can grow into sustained peer support systems that meet weekly or monthly, providing continuous rich encouragement and mutual support.

**Why This Matters.** Ministry leadership can be isolating. The unique pressures pastors face require wisdom that often exceeds what any single leader possesses. Peer collaboration provides access to collective insight, diverse perspectives, and proven solutions.

**Moving Forward.** I invite you to commit to participating in one of the upcoming MINISTRY COLLABORATIVES. Your presence, questions, and insights will enrich our collective learning. The investment of time will return dividends in your ministry effectiveness, your professional development, and your personal encouragement.

Here are the first three dates and locations I am working on. I'll send the host addresses and times soon, so watch your email for further details.

February 24 – Hammond/Ponchatoula area

March 26 – Slidell area

April 28 – Covington/Mandeville area

I look forward to gathering with you and facilitating conversations that strengthen your ministry and deepen your connections with fellow pastors across our network.



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	1,480.87	6,465.71	Lee Hill	-0-	-0-	Wardline	750.00	4,200.00
Antioch	38.63	265.74	Lee Valley	-0-	-0-	Westside	1,716.33	8,282.90
Bayou	100.00	600.00	Life	-0-	-0-	Woodhaven	155.00	627.00
Bedico	2,835.90	9,823.90	Lighthouse	2,318.00	6,635.00	Woodland	-0-	-0-
Bethlehem	250.00	1,000.00	Loranger	-0-	9,820.60	Woodland Park	1,084.05	13,330.74
Blood River	832.94	4,602.77	Manchac	-0-	-0-	TOTAL	51,855.21	271,110.31
Bogue Falaya	420.28	1,733.12	Midway	-0-	-0-			
Calvary	-0-	-0-	Millville	-0-	166.13	Expenditures	38,240.15	220,543.71
Celebration (Cov/Mand)	450.00	2,250.00	Mt. Calvary	262.72	712.44	Church Receipts	51,855.21	271,110.31
Celebration (Slidell)	450.00	2,250.00	Natalbany	443.90	3,017.04	Additional Income	-0-	-0-
Christ Community	-0-	-0-	New Beginning	300.00	1,200.00	Balance		206,204.10
Coburn	50.00	200.00	New Beulah	233.85	1,265.19	Designated Accounts		972,091.13
Collins Blvd.	75.00	525.00	New Hope	-0-	-0-			
Countryside	-0-	-0-	New Life Community	50.00	300.00			
Covenant	150.00	725.00	New Zion	-0-	50.00			
Creekside	600.00	1,200.00	Northshore	1,666.68	9,166.74			
Cristo para Todos	-0-	-0-	Northside	228.00	1,521.15			
Crossbrand	-0-	-0-	Old Zion Hill	911.73	5,782.43			
Crossroads	1,009.16	6,054.96	Ponchatoula's First	2,994.18	20,939.83			
Ebenezer	361.85	4,375.14	Red Bluff	606.45	2,998.53			
Emmaus	-0-	300.00	Redemption, Lacombe	100.00	1,200.00			
First, Covington	10,113.63	39,999.98	Redemption Christian	-0-	-0-			
First, Folsom	1,755.44	9,295.78	Ridge Memorial	75.00	225.00			
First, Hammond	395.75	2,334.05	River Fellowship	200.00	1,454.46			
First, Independence	200.00	1,200.00	Serenity	227.16	1,531.57			
First, Madisonville	642.75	642.75	Springville	54.82	579.58			
First, Mandeville	2,500.00	15,000.00	Still Water	-0-	-0-			
First, Pearl River	782.37	2,690.48	SweetWater	528.03	2,300.34			
First, Slidell	804.64	7,243.64	Tammany Hills	1,593.75	7,289.81			
First, Springfield	232.82	903.61	The Bridge	300.00	1,300.00			
First, Tickfaw	918.40	2,143.21	Thompson Road	573.62	3,278.19			
French Corner	1,380.13	2,827.45	Trinity	583.00	5,359.00			
Grace Community	335.00	1,265.00	True Life	-0-	100.00			
Grace Fellowship	383.23	1,637.84	Victory	-0-	-0-			
Grace Hispanic	-0-	-0-						
Grace Memorial	2,297.00	13,037.10						
Greater St. James	-0-	-0-						
Hebron	300.00	3,300.00						
Iglesia Agua Viva	-0-	-0-						
Iglesia Buenas Nuevas	130.04	910.14						
Iglesia Cristo Redentor	200.00	1,200.00						
Immanuel	168.17	1,078.57						
Jerusalem	1,254.94	7,395.70						
Killian First	-0-	-0-						



**Week of Prayer for  
North American Missions**  
**Prayer Guide  
and  
Annie Armstrong Easter  
Offering**  
**Annie Armstrong Offering**  
**March 1-8**  
**National Goal: \$80 million**



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

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