



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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From the Heart of Your DOMM

Dear Friends,

Planning for summer mission activities is in full swing in many of our churches.

Lonnie Wascom Vacation Bible School is not the only thing going on in the summer but may be the largest, especially as regards participation by children and families. Please consider ordering your LifeWay VBS materials through our office. It will save you money AND help fund the training conducted by our VBS Team. You will find information on how to do it as well as our VBS training clinics in this issue of *The Anchor*.

The future is ever before us. Your associational leadership team is looking at more effective means of communicating with our churches. It is our hope to do more and more of our communications electronically and less through the United States Postal Service. For me this is a simple matter of stewardship of time and financial resources. Pray that we will be wise.

Revitalization is a word we are hearing a lot these days. This is not a new thing. Churches have needed some aspect of revitalization all the way back to the first century of the Christian era. Our leadership team is diligently working to develop strategic methodologies whereby we can assist any of our member churches that request help in this arena. Prayers are needed.

Speaking of prayer: Remember our watchword: **Prayer First!** And don't forget: "We are better together." I exhort each of you to keep your "eyes fixed on Jesus" (Hebrews 12:2) as we seek to push back the darkness of lostness from the north shores of Lakes Maurepas and Pontchartrain to the ends of the earth.

Dr. Lonnie Wascom
Director of Missions and Ministries



Vacation Bible School Clinics

sponsored by Northshore Baptist Association

Monday, April 13 - 6:30 p.m.

Calvary Baptist Church
(1615 Old Spanish Trail, Slidell)

Monday, April 20 - 6:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Baptist Church
(29350 S. Montpelier, Albany)

Conferences for pastors, VBS directors, preschool, children, preteens, missions, music, crafts and a Spanish language track will be offered.

Order Your VBS Materials Through Northshore

and save money on shipping and help the association cover costs of the Associational VBS clinics at the same time.

Here's how it works . . .

- An order form is available at: www.northshorebaptists.net.
- Download the form, complete your order, and e-mail it to: office@northshorebaptists.net by Friday, February 27. *If your church does not have internet capability you may request an order form be faxed or mailed to you.*
- Your order will be delivered to your church the week of March 23rd.



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

Northshore Church News

●**Calvary (Slidell)** will celebrate their 54th anniversary on Sunday, March 15. A noon meal will be provided. John Reid is pastor.

●**Woodland Park (Hammond)** will have an "Egg"stravaganza Sunday, April 29, 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the WPBC Park. Free hamburgers, hot hogs and drinks will be served. Pastor is Scott Thompson.

●**First (Covington)** Adults 55+ Ministry Young at Heart fellowship luncheons are planned for February and March. On Tuesday, February 10, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, the topic will be "Don't Be a Victim of Fraud!" Come to this lively seminar led by Nancy Boudreaux of the Louisiana Office of Financial Institutions to learn the red flag phrases of the top 5 sales pitches used by con artists and see a demonstration on Ponzi schemes. The required reservation deadline is noon, Friday, February 6. On Tuesday, March 17, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, singer and one woman band Becky Eymard will entertain with voice and multiple instruments. The required reservation deadline is noon, Friday, March 13. The cost for each event is \$10 (payable at the door) and includes lunch. Register at www.fbccov.org. Please register by individual names unless you are registering and paying with one check for your group. Note: seating is limited and the caterer must be paid for all who are registered by the deadline so please contact the church at 985.892.2149 before the deadline if you must cancel. The church is located at 16333 Highway 1085, Covington. Waylon Bailey is pastor.

●**First (Slidell)** will have their annual **Widows' Valentine Banquet** Tuesday, February 10, at 12 noon. The event is sponsored by the Deacons and wives. **Upward Basketball and Cheerleading** have begun their season. The first games start the weekend of February 6 and will run through March 28. **Sonshine Club Meetings** for Senior Adults will be Friday, February 27, and Friday, March 27, at 12 noon at the church. Ricky Cummings is pastor.

Northshore/Two Rivers Associations Dnow 2015

5 p.m. Friday, April 17, to 10 p.m. Saturday, April 18

Camp Living Waters
21230 Living Waters Road, Loranger

Theme: Driven - Sermon on the Mount Matthew 5-7
Speaker: Matt Middlecamp (SLU BCM Director)
Band: SLU BCM Worship Team

Cost: \$45 + T-Shirt per student and \$150 per church
(T-shirts \$6/shirt for XL or smaller - \$8/shirt for XXL and larger)

Upcoming Dates:

February 10: Planning meeting/Small group leader training session
7 p.m. at FBC Springfield

February 16: Deadline for \$150 participation fee

March 16: Deadline for t-shirt sizes and money for shirts

For More Information contact Richard Sandberg
985.514.1171 or Helives711@aol.com

●**Grace Memorial (Slidell)** Choir and Orchestra will present their Easter musical, *Kingdom, Power, Glory* on Sunday, March 29, during the 10:15 a.m. worship service. Bob Heustess is pastor.

●**Bethlehem (Albany)** ladies ministry will have a luncheon on Saturday, March 28, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The doors open at 10:30 and tickets are \$5. Call 225.567.3666 to purchase tickets. The theme is *Seasons of our Lives*. The choir will present the Easter drama *Sacrifice of Glory* Sunday, March 29, at 2:30 and 7 p.m. A church wide supper will be held Sunday, February 8, at 5 p.m. featuring the "Not So Newlywed" game. Dennis Walker is music director. Joe Dunn is pastor.

●**Westside (Ponchatoula)** will host an event for helping churches make disciples Sunday-Monday, February 8-9. All believers are called to be engaged in the Great Commission - making disciples. Guest speaker will be Tim LaFleur, Pastor of Discipleship at Brainerd Baptist Church, Chattanooga, TN. Each night will begin at 6:00 and will end at 7:30. Coffee and refreshments will be served. This event is open to all who wish to attend. Jonathan LaFleur is pastor.

●**Natalbany (Natalbany)** will have revival services March 8-11. Sunday morning worship begins at 10:15 and Sunday-Wednesday night services are at 6:30. Guest speaker will be Gibbie McMillan, Men's Ministry Leader and Disaster Relief Strategist with the Louisiana Baptist Convention. Rodney Taylor is pastor.



Basic Training for Church Multiplication February 9-10 Camp Living Waters

Register at louisianabaptists.org/basictraining2015. Basic Training is for anyone in year 0-3 of a church plant or rev. project. Would also be good for those needing to revision their church's ministry in the community. Monday night will be a special network dinner for anyone wanting to know if you or your church are ready for church planting or sponsoring a new church. Register for the two-day workshop or just the Monday night dinner at www.louisianabaptists.org/basictraining2015

Disaster Relief Roundtable January 30-31



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

For more information go to

www.LouisianaBaptists.org/disaster-relief-roundtables



Mark Your Calendar

Northshore Baptist Association

FEBRUARY 2015

True Love Waits Emphasis

- 6-7 Collegiate Evangelism Conference
www.louisianabaptists.org/cec
- 7 Kaleidoscope @ FBC, Pineville
www.louisianabaptists.org/kaleidoscope
- 9 Ministers' Conference @ First, Covington, 10:30 a.m.
- 9-10 Basic Training for Church Multiplication @ Camp Living Waters *See page 2 for details.*
- 16 Ministers' Conference @ Woodland (Springfield), 10:30 a.m.
- 20-21 VOYAGE (a mission adventure for youth coed) @ NOBTS *www.louisianabaptists.org/voyage*

MARCH 2015

- 1-8 Week of Prayer for North American Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- 6-7 VBS Retreat @ Tall Timbers (318.448.3402)
- 8 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 9 Ministers' Conference @ TBA, 10:30 a.m.
- 10 Church Building Conference @ Baptist Building
- 14 M-JAM (Missions awareness and activity day for GAs and Children in Action, grades 1-6) @ Williams Blvd. Baptist Church, Kenner
- 16 Ministers' Conference @ TBA, 10:30 a.m.
- 20 Spring Begins
- 27-28 Royal Ambassadors Congress @ Tall Timbers
- 30 Ministers' Conference @ TBA, in the evening



Looking Ahead

- May 8, 2015** - Ministers/Spouses Appreciation Dinner
(note change to Friday night)
- August 7-8, 2015** - Sunday School Essentials Conference
FBC, Ponchatoula, on the 7th or Grace Memorial, Slidell, on the 8th
- August 11, 2015** - Executive Board Meeting
- October 5, 2015** - Annual Meeting



Congratulations

IT'S A BOY: Jayce Alexander VanHorn was born January 20, 2015. He weighed 9 lbs. 7 ozs. and was 20 1/2 inches long. Parents are Nathan and Haley VanHorn. Nathan is pastor at First Baptist Church, Folsom.



News from the BCM at SLU

The BCM at SLU is seeing growth in its weekly worship services, discipleship, and missions.

- Average Attendance at worship service — 120 with a high attendance of 162.
- Average attendance at Free Lunch — 130
- 8 Freshmen Bible Studies
- 6 Upper Classmen Bible Studies
- 21 Freshmen attended Freshmen Frenzy in August (one day event focusing on Freshmen)
- Christmas Mission Trip to Texas — 43 students
- 29 Students on Leadership Team

Building plans:

- Architectural Design and Schedule: Complete Renovation of the BCM Building.
 - Purpose: Renovation of the BCM existing facilities
 - The Need: The existing BCM facility has become very dated in appearance, inefficient with utilities and repairs are becoming cost prohibitive. The program has grown much larger and the demands on the facility are more frequent.
 - The proposal: Renovate the existing chapel. It will become a more contemporary multi-use space for worship, lunch meetings and small groups. The center portion of the building will be expanded back into the basketball court area to provide more office, recreational and meeting space. The right side of the building where the cafeteria exists will become a 10-room dorm type facility for leadership/student housing
 - Timeline:
 - Plans to be drawn and submitted for bid by February 15.
 - Receive and select bids March 15.
 - Begin pulling permits March 16.
 - Begin Chapel renovation May 1.
 - Complete Chapel August 10.
 - Begin Dorm/office renovation August 10.
 - Complete project by January 2016.
- Matt Middlecamp
BCM Director

Crossroads NOLA Pastors Lunch

Thursday, February 26, at Noon

Mandeville's First Baptist Church
1895 Highway 190, Mandeville

Come have lunch on Crossroads NOLA and learn how your church can engage the most vulnerable and at-risk children in our state - the 4000+ Louisiana children currently in foster care. We believe the churches are uniquely equipped to meet the needs of children in foster care and are committed to connecting children in crisis to families within our faith communities. This meeting is open to staff members and lay leaders. Please RSVP to tyler@crossroadsnola.org. Get more info at crossroadsnola.org.

Northshore Baptist Association Church Contributions

	<i>Nov-Dec</i>	<i>YTD</i>		<i>Nov-Dec</i>	<i>YTD</i>		<i>Nov-Dec</i>	<i>YTD</i>
Albany First	-0-	4,730.43	Hillside	104.99	482.09	The Bridge	420.00	2,310.00
Antioch	14.43	142.59	Hope	253.00	1,980.00	Thompson Road	237.47	2,434.49
Bayou	100.00	600.00	Iglesia Cristo Redentor	145.34	1,186.04	Trinity	1,391.00	5,390.00
Bedico	792.00	4,575.00	Immanuel	100.53	1,131.60	True Life	200.00	1,200.00
Bethlehem	2,238.17	13,977.17	Jerusalem (Hammond)	1,256.02	8,258.30	Victory	-0-	-0-
Blood River	489.16	2,980.13	Jerusalem (Bush)	-0-	-0-	Wadesboro	50.00	275.00
Bogue Falaya	833.30	5,000.00	Jesus-Center of Prosperity	-0-	-0-	Wardline	-0-	-0-
Calvary	862.65	5,181.99	Killian First	-0-	3,000.00	Westside	663.19	4,817.61
Calvary Spanish	32.40	246.83	Lee Hill	88.72	1,005.29	Woodhaven	-0-	1,000.00
Celebration	329.63	1,901.78	Lee Valley	244.10	1,594.73	Woodland	612.00	3,730.00
Collins Blvd.	150.00	600.00	Life	300.00	1,800.00	Woodland Park	3,039.56	19,835.17
Countryside	-0-	500.00	Light to the Nations	-0-	-0-	TOTAL	48,823.10	317,382.43
Covenant	161.22	1,033.44	Lighthouse	-0-	847.00			
Creeside	100.00	500.00	Loranger	865.67	5,318.89	Expenditures	68,903.17	341,837.21
Cristo para Todos	200.00	1,378.30	Louisiana	-0-	-0-	Church Receipts	48,823.10	317,382.43
Crossbrand	260.71	692.12	Manchac	108.00	661.00	NOAH Savings	18,000.00	25,000.00
Crossgate	1,391.99	3,728.10	Mandeville's First	1,904.95	21,915.60	Additional Income	125.00	175.00
Crossroads	716.00	3,938.00	Midway	-0-	-0-	Budget Balance		2,011.25
Ebenezer	576.13	5,419.43	Millville	183.66	579.33			
Emmaus	-0-	-0-	Mt. Calvary	-0-	495.33			
Evans Creek	-0-	1,490.81	Natalbany	2,095.77	11,411.40			
First, Covington	5,083.34	30,500.04	New Beginning	150.00	350.00			
First, Folsom	898.68	5,520.06	New Beulah	1,720.63	6,943.10			
First, Hammond	583.17	3,137.46	New Haven	123.14	1,258.29			
First, Independence	298.82	1,915.06	New Hope, Franklinton	-0-	-0-			
First, Lacombe	385.01	1,833.16	New Hope, Independence	200.00	1,100.00			
First, Madisonville	-0-	-0-	New Zion	1,510.13	16,246.97			
First, Pearl River	785.65	5,708.60	Northshore	1,600.00	9,600.00			
First, Slidell	1,400.00	8,450.00	Northside	299.19	1,993.39			
First, Slidell Spanish	129.48	840.04	Old Zion Hill	1,096.84	5,436.37			
First, Springfield	451.02	3,181.81	Pilgrim Rest	240.00	1,440.00			
First, Tickfaw	289.13	3,143.57	Ponchatoula's First	3,003.95	18,228.81			
French Corner	400.86	2,290.99	Red Bluff	-0-	1,648.20			
Full Faith	-0-	-0-	Redeeming Grace	-0-	534.03			
Grace	217.85	1,168.40	Redemption Christian	-0-	-0-			
Grace Community	1,266.75	1,266.75	Ridge Memorial	-0-	175.00			
Grace Family Fellow.	500.00	500.00	Springville	140.70	969.48			
Grace Hispanic	32.05	276.55	Still Water, Hammond	400.00	1,000.00			
Grace Memorial	943.39	12,485.91	Still Water, Ponchatoula	-0-	1,216.00			
Greater St. James	-0-	300.00	Still Water, Slidell	-0-	60.00			
Hebron	600.00	3,300.00	Tammany Hills	561.56	2,089.40			

Welcome
Pastors & Staff

Sidney Hidalgo
Associate Pastor
Celebration, Slidell

Chris Kroll
Minister to Students
First, Covington

**DEADLINE FOR APRIL-MAY
NEWSLETTER:
MARCH 15**

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