



# 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)

## Northshore Baptist Association

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL ESSENTIALS

WITH SEAN KEITH



Sean Keith

### Two Options Choose One

**Friday, August 7 or Saturday, August 8**

#### Ponchatoula's First Baptist Church

325 E. Pine Street, Ponchatoula

**Friday, August 7**

6-9:30 p.m.

*Includes a light dinner*

**OR**

#### Grace Memorial Baptist Church

58516 Pearl Acres Road, Slidell

**Saturday, August 8**

8:30 a.m.-Noon

*Includes a light breakfast*

**Offering individualized Sunday School training based on the age level you teach.**

Sean Keith serves as the Sunday School/Discipleship Strategist for the Louisiana Baptist Convention. Striving to know Christ and make Him known, Sean desires to see church leaders fulfill their call as leaders and disciple-makers. Early registration of \$10 ends August 1. The cost is \$15 after August 1. Register at [www.northshorebaptists.net](http://www.northshorebaptists.net).

### From the Heart of Your DOMM



Lonnie Wascom

Dear Friends,

Summer brings Vacation Bible School to our churches, camps at Living Waters Baptist Assembly, mission trips for all ages, World Changers and other compassion projects in our region, the beginning of the much needed changes to the Baptist Collegiate Ministry building at Southeastern, and many other things. You will also find information related to an Association-wide Sunday School/small group leadership opportunity toward the end of summer in this issue of *The Anchor*.

Remember our watchword: **Prayer First!** And as you pray, humbly ask God to, as the old hymn states, "send a great revival."

I truly believe "we are better together" as we cooperatively penetrate the darkness of lostness from the north shores of Lakes Maurepas and Pontchartrain to the ends of the earth with the glorious light of the Gospel of Jesus.

God bless you,  
Dr. Lonnie Wascom

### It's Time for Vacation Bible School

**June 1-5:** Bethlehem, 8:30-11:30 a.m. Commencement will be Sunday, June 7.

**June 1-5:** First, Ponchatoula. 8:30 a.m.-12 noon. Family night will be Friday, June 5, at 6:30 p.m.

**June 8-12:** Grace Memorial, Slidell, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Theme: Journey Off the Map

**June 8-12:** Calvary, Slidell, 8:30 a.m.-12 noon. K-4 thru Grade 6 (completed) Theme: Journey Off the Map

**June 14-18:** Albany First, 6-8:30 p.m. Commencement June 19 @ 6:30 p.m. Theme: Journey Off the Map

**June 14-18:** New Beulah, Hammond, 5-8 p.m. Family Night is Friday, June 19, at 6 p.m.

**June 14-18:** Red Bluff, Folsom, 6-8:30 p.m. Pre-K-5th grade Theme: Journey Off the Map

**June 15-19:** First, Slidell, 6-8:30 p.m. Theme: Journey Off the Map

**June 16-19:** Lee Valley, Loranger

**June 22-25:** Northshore, Slidell, 6-8:30 p.m.



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

# Northshore Church News

● **First Slidell's Independence Day Celebration** is Wednesday, July 1, from 5 to 7 p.m. This will take the place of Wednesday night activities. The **Senior Adult Sunshine Club** will meet on Friday, June 26, and Friday, July 31, at 12 noon. A **Marriage Conference** is planned for September 18-19 with Dr. Tate Cockrell leading. Dr. Cockrell serves as pastor of member care at The Church at Brook Hills, Birmingham, Alabama. Cost is \$40 per couple or \$20 per person and includes conference materials, meals, snacks, and childcare (if reserved). The conference schedule is 6:15-9:00 Friday night and 8:30-Noon Saturday morning. Registration deadline is September 9. Childcare is available through 6th grade by reservation only. Registration is available online at [www.fbcslidell.org](http://www.fbcslidell.org). For more information e-mail [kelly.singletary@fbcslidell.org](mailto:kelly.singletary@fbcslidell.org). Pastor is Ricky Cummings.

● **Immanuel (Hammond)** installed her new pastor, Mark Goree, on Sunday, May 3. After the installation Pastor Goree served his first Lord's Supper as pastor. Intentional Interim Pastor Bob Adams presented new Pastor Goree and his wife to the church and led in a season of prayer. The church presented Pastor Mark with a Bible and shepherd's staff to mark the occasion as Immanuel's new shepherd. The church presented a plaque along with well wishes for future endeavors to Pastor Adams.

● **Woodland (Springfield)** will have Steve Carrier and Megaforce Ministries for revival September 13-16. Woodland is asking sister churches to partner with them in the following ways: 1. Contacts in public schools in order to get the Megaforce Team in for character presentations and promotions of the revival; 2. Help with counseling and follow up of decisions. Woodland will share all information with partnering churches so that decisions can be followed up on the basis of proximity to participating churches; 3. Prayer from all sister churches in the NSBA that God will use this revival to see many lost souls brought into His kingdom and new life breathed into our area. If anyone would like to partner with the church please call Pastor Josh Powell at 504.452.6317.

● **First Ponchatoula's Annual Patriotic Celebration 2015** is Sunday, June 28, at 9:20 and 10:40 a.m. Patriotic music, a tribute to the armed forces, and a message of encouragement and hope will mark the day. Chip Vickers is the music pastor and David Cranford is pastor.

● **Ridge Memorial (Slidell)** has been experiencing a revival spirit. The Lord has been moving with many decisions at the altar and some church growth in membership also. The church is excited about the National Graduation of Slidell Baptist Seminary which will be held on June 7, at 7 p.m. Many candidates have registered to participate from as far away as Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Florida and closer states. The church ladies are preparing a feast for the graduates that Sunday. The church always has a banquet for the graduates and their families. This once a year event stirs up the church with excitement and anticipation. Pastor is Paul Dabdoub

● **Grace Memorial (Slidell)** will have *Worship in the Park*, June 14 and July 19, 4-8 p.m. at the back pavilion in John Slidell Park for a time of food, fun, fellowship, music and worship. Hamburgers, hot dogs and all the fixings will be provided. Grace Memorial will host an area-wide workshop *Sunday School Essentials*, Saturday, August 8, 8:30 a.m.-12 noon. Bob Heustess is pastor.

## Church Positions Available

**Music/Youth Leadership (PT):** Ebenezer Baptist Church, Hammond,. The position is part-time/hivocational. If interested, please contact Terral Ridgell at 985.507.1225, or send resume to Ebenezer Baptist Church, 49322 River Road, Hammond, LA 70401, c/o Personnel Committee.

## Thank You

Thank you so much for the love and support you have shown me during the loss of my Mother. The flowers, cards, phone calls, and words of condolences were comforting to me and my family It was so thoughtful of you to remember us during this difficult time.

Kathy Cason  
Administrative Assistant  
Northshore Baptist Association

## Independence Day 2015

### First Lesson

Congress shall make  
no law respecting an  
establishment of religion,  
or prohibiting the free exercise  
thereof; or abridging the freedom  
of speech, or of the press; or the  
right of the people peaceably to  
assemble, and to petition the  
Government for a redress of grievances

## World Changers Is Returning to the Northshore



The Northshore Baptist Association and First Baptist Church Covington will be hosting World Changers 2015, June 22-27.

Local churches are needed who will sponsor a work site through prayer and providing lunch each day. If you would like to be a major part of this gospel sharing event please contact Pat Hayden at 504.813.4918.



## Mark Your Calendar

### Northshore Baptist Association

#### JUNE 2015

- 8 Ministers' Conference @ Woodhaven, 10:30 a.m.
- 14-15 SBC Pastors Conference @ Columbus, Ohio
- 14-15 WMU, SBC Annual Meeting/Missions Celebration @ Columbus, Ohio
- 16-17 Southern Baptist Convention @ Columbus, Ohio
- 21 Father's Day
- 21 Baptist Men's Emphasis
- 21 Summer Begins
- 22-27 World Changers Coming to the Northshore
- 28 Mission: Dignity Sunday
- 28 Citizenship and Religious Liberty Sunday
- 29 Ministers' Conference @ Millville, 10:30 a.m.

#### JULY 2015

- 3 Northshore Office Closed for Independence Holiday
- 4 Independence Day
- 13 Ministers' Conference @ Thompson Road, 10:30 a.m.
- 20 Ministers' Conference @ Ebenezer, 10:30 a.m.
- 20-21 Childhood Education Workshop @ NOBTS (Call LBC Children's Ministry office at 1.800.622.6549 for more information)



## Looking Ahead

**August 4, 2015 @ 10 a.m.**

**Executive Board Meeting**

Woodland Park Baptist Church

1909 J.W. Davis Drive, Hammond

*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.*

**October 5, 2015**

**Annual Meeting**

Bethlehem Baptist Church

29350 S. Montpelier Road, Albany



## Congratulations . . . .

**IT'S A BOY:** Caleb Creed Kai Cummings was born April 17, 2015. Parents are Ricky and Kristy Cummings. Ricky is pastor at First Baptist Church, Slidell.

## Camp Living Waters Summer Camps

- Children's Camp #1 June 1-4 (closed)
- Children's Camp #2 June 6-9
- Children's Camp #3 July 9-12
- Youth Mission Camp July 13-17

[www.camplivingwaters.net](http://www.camplivingwaters.net)

**Be in prayer!** West St. Tammany # 2 plant and a second horse culture plant are in serious late stage development.

## BCM at SLU Plans New Construction

Dear Churches,

As many of you have heard, the Baptist Collegiate Ministry building at Southeastern Louisiana University is undergoing major renovations and reconstruction beginning this summer. Starting June 1 staff and students will be working diligently to pack up the contents of the building in preparations for construction which is to begin mid-summer. The new facility will include tenant housing for 16 students, new hangout/game area, an office suite, multi-stall bathrooms, the chapel will keep its unique architecture but be transformed into a multipurpose room where both free lunch and weekly services will be held, and overall much needed cosmetic work will be done. This is a very exciting time in the life of BCM! God has been working in so many incredible ways! Just in the past school year we have averaged 120 students at our weekly free lunch (provided by our incredible local churches!!!), 115-130 at our weekly service, 60-75 at our late night activities on Thursdays after service, 60+ involved in Bible studies, 30 on our leadership team, and many serving this summer in various places across the United States and overseas! Plus countless lives changed through these programs and discipleship! God is indeed so good!

If we are to continue serving the students and faculty of Southeastern Louisiana University with excellence, then we must make the necessary changes that are needed to do so. And we trust the Lord to take us through every step of the process just as He has brought us through 60+ ministry years! And with that, we are asking for your help! The total cost for the project is \$750,000. The LBC has generously provided \$500,000 which leaves \$250,000 left to raise. This large sum seems daunting at first, but with the help from churches, alumni, and current students we know it can be done! If your church would like to partner with us in raising this money, you have the opportunity to support by taking up a love offering during one of your services and if desired, we can send a representative to share on behalf of the BCM. This love offering would be a tremendous blessing! And as my mom always says "How do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time!" And no maybe we shouldn't eat elephants but your gift would definitely take a bite out of this very large amount!

We are so thankful for each and every one of the churches in our association who support the ministry here! We simply could not do ministry without you! Because of your giving of prayer, labor, and financial support we are able to serve and love on hundreds of sweet lives! So, thank you for what you have done and we thank you in advance for your future support!! You are a blessing!

Baptist Collegiate Ministry  
Southeastern Louisiana University



## Southern Baptist Convention

June 16-17

Columbus, Ohio

[www.sbcannualmeeting.net](http://www.sbcannualmeeting.net)



# Northshore Baptist Association Church Contributions

	<i>Mar-Apr</i>	<i>YTD</i>		<i>Mar-Apr</i>	<i>YTD</i>		<i>Mar-Apr</i>	<i>YTD</i>
Albany First	1,030.00	3,446.31	Immanuel	273.96	500.25	Wardline	340.00	2,955.00
Antioch	53.73	79.88	Jerusalem (Hammond)	2,183.36	3,337.09	Westside	800.69	1,586.94
Bayou	150.00	200.00	Jerusalem (Bush)	-0-	-0-	Woodhaven	500.00	750.00
Bedico	853.00	1,567.00	Jesus-Center of Prosperity	-0-	-0-	Woodland	357.00	722.00
Bethlehem	2,254.00	4,148.00	Killian First	-0-	-0-	Woodland Park	3,388.10	6,446.22
Blood River	498.13	921.33	Lee Hill	354.58	554.13	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>59,763.21</b>	<b>115,663.29</b>
Bogue Falaya	833.34	1,666.68	Lee Valley	256.56	472.95	Expenditures	53,150.63	107,014.67
Calvary	733.07	1,512.05	Life	300.00	600.00	Church Receipts	59,763.21	115,663.29
Celebration	400.00	850.64	Lighthouse	-0-	351.00	NOAH Savings	-0-	-0-
Collins Blvd.	150.00	300.00	Loranger	956.47	1,837.86	Additional Income	-0-	50.00
Countryside	150.00	300.00	Louisiana	-0-	-0-	Budget Balance		10,709.87
Covenant	161.99	297.35	Manchac	166.00	211.00			
Creekside	200.00	300.00	Manchac's First	6,121.14	9,553.19			
Cristo para Todos	-0-	300.00	Midway	-0-	-0-			
Crossbrand	278.44	385.98	Millville	-0-	43.45			
Crossgate	1,024.40	1,400.86	Mt. Calvary	-0-	-0-			
Crossroads	832.00	1,248.00	Natalbany	2,764.60	4,763.86			
Ebenezer	666.18	1,236.96	New Beginning	100.00	200.00			
Emmaus	600.00	600.00	New Beulah	1,158.80	1,693.59			
Evans Creek	463.71	1,082.51	New Haven	116.05	250.37			
First, Covington	5,083.34	10,166.68	New Hope, Franklinton	-0-	-0-			
First, Folsom	853.82	1,626.84	New Hope, Independence	100.00	400.00			
First, Hammond	595.77	1,161.87	New Zion	2,876.08	5,342.31			
First, Independence	163.41	633.69	Northshore	833.33	3,333.32			
First, Lacombe	475.88	620.18	Northside	384.96	621.43			
First, Madisonville	-0-	-0-	Old Zion Hill	1,131.57	2,076.41			
First, Pearl River	952.59	2,145.57	Pilgrim Rest	240.00	480.00			
First, Slidell	1,400.00	2,800.00	Ponchatoula's First	3,264.03	6,181.65			
First, Springfield	436.49	935.53	Red Bluff	521.21	1,011.12			
First, Tickfaw	502.88	995.28	Redeeming Grace	171.92	171.92			
French Corner	375.74	851.09	Redemption Christian	-0-	-0-			
Full Faith	-0-	-0-	Ridge Memorial	25.00	100.00			
Grace	217.60	384.15	Springville	177.17	403.73			
Grace Community	-0-	266.00	Still Water, Hammond	80.00	730.00			
Grace Family Fellow.	-0-	-0-	Still Water, Ponchatoula	600.00	600.00			
Grace Hispanic	42.15	74.10	Still Water, Slidell	-0-	-0-			
Grace Memorial	3,955.42	6,945.54	Tammany Hills	-0-	-0-			
Greater St. James	-0-	300.00	The Bridge	300.00	600.00			
Hebron	600.00	1,200.00	Thompson Road	400.96	803.86			
Hillside	71.49	137.11	Trinity	514.00	1,248.00			
Hope	-0-	-0-	True Life	200.00	400.00			
Iglesia Buenas Nuevas	128.50	241.44	Victory	100.00	200.00			
Iglesia Cristo Redentor	468.60	702.02	Wadesboro	50.00	100.00			

## Welcome

### Pastors & Staff

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