

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

Staff Updates

Pastor Anniversaries

Gevan Spinney	2003	FBC Houghton
Tommy Allen	2003	Lighthouse
Jim Gstohl	2005	Tower
Greg Shyne	2014	United Outreach
Brett Puckitt	2018	FBC Vivian
Scott O’Rear	2019	Belle Park
Danny Taylor	2021	Ida
John Prose	2022	Mooringsport
Coy Fuqua	2023	North Keithville
Sang Kim	2023	Hana

Church News



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Summer Grove celebrates the last payment on \$12 million after faithfully giving for the last 20 years.

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2024

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March for Life in Shreveport!

OPEN TO ALL!
LIFE MARCH NORTHWEST
10am Saturday, January 20
Meet at the grassy area near the LA Boardwalk
LaLifeMarch.com
1-866-463-LIFE

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Star Parker

Staff Opportunities

PASTOR	MUSIC	YOUTH	CHILDREN	OTHER
Ford Park - Bi-Vo Pilgrim Home - Bi-Vo Red River - Bi-Vo Shreve City - Bi-Vo Westlake - Bi-Vo	Ferry Lake - PT Greenwood - PT Lakeview - PT Westwood - PT	Belle Park - PT North Keithville - PT Plain Dealing - PT/FT Princeton FBC - PT Westwood - PT Vivian FBC - FT	Belcher - PT Ferry Lake - PT	FBC Blanchard - Hourly Nursery Workers New Birth - Children’s Church - Volunteer

Northwest Louisiana Baptist Association

Baptist News

Happy New Year

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As We Begin 2024, Here Are Some Reality Checks For The Church

Some recent Barna Research gave a sobering assessment of the state of the Church in America.

- 1. The Church is becoming less theologically literate.** Basic Christian truths are increasingly foreign, especially in younger believers. Also, fewer and fewer church members possess a biblical world view.
- 2. The Church is becoming more ingrown and less outreach-oriented.** The gulf between the saved and the lost is growing larger each year. Regular church attenders have less in common with the unchurched. Believers are becoming content to be isolated from non-believers.
- 3. A growing number of church members are less interested in spiritual principles and more interested in learning pragmatic solutions for life.** The prevailing thought is, *"Just teach me how to survive in this crazy world as opposed to learning foundational spiritual principles that will govern my life."*
- 4. For new Christians, interest in participating in community action is escalating.** Social justice and service related issues have captured the attention of young believers.
- 5. In a post-Christian society, the insistence on tolerance under any condition is gaining ground within the Church.** Moral absolutes are no longer deemed important in a growing number of Denominations and Churches.
- 6. The influence of Christianity on today’s culture has become largely invisible.** Culture has recognized the sins and faults of the Church, and said, *"I think I'll pass."*

Any honest church leader shouldn’t be surprised at these findings. Barna stated, *"In a society where choice is king, there can be no absolutes, and Christianity is not a default faith of young people."*

Over fifty years ago, Michael Green, in his book, **Evangelism in the Early Church**, wrote, *"Christianity for the early church was not a one-hour time slot on Sunday. It affected everything they did and everyone they met. You could mow these Christians down, or throw them to the lions, but you could not make them deny their Lord.* If the Lord tarries, and persecution against the Church in America rises, we could face similar struggles, and days of casual Christianity will be old news.

Stay strong and faithful Church. Have a blessed 2024.

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Christmas came early for nearly 1,200 senior adults for the 16th annual Branson @ Bethany Christmas Show. For two days, Blake & Jenna Bolerjack, from Oklahoma City, filled the room with Christmas music along with the Bossier Brass Quartet. Comedian Charles Marshall from Missouri got the holiday laughs rolling, and, a surprise appearance, a very under-weight Santa Claus stopped by to deliver some gifts.

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FEBRUARY 4, 2024

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SUNDAY NIGHT

6:00 PM



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