

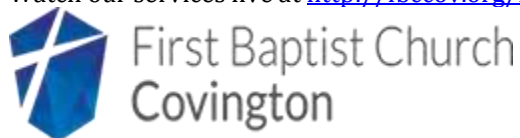
Today, the Administrative Counsel of the Northshore Baptist Association received a letter of resignation from our beloved Director of Missions Lonnie Wascom. The last day Bro. Lonnie will be serving us will be October 1, 2018.

A Search Committee has been named to begin the process of finding a new DOM. We will share more information with the Church and the process in the days ahead. Please join me in celebrating this decision of Bro. Lonnie's pending retirement. I would also ask that you pray for Bro. Lonnie and Linda as they begin this season of transition.

We will be honoring Bro. Lonnie during the annual meeting in October.

With a Grateful Heart,  
Pastor Jay

Jay Johnston, D. Min.  
Associate Pastor, FBC Covington, LA  
Email: [jjohnston@fbccov.org](mailto:jjohnston@fbccov.org)  
Office Phone - 985-892-2149  
Cell Phone - 615-260-4752  
Church Website [www.fbccov.org](http://www.fbccov.org)  
Follow Jay on  
Twitter @jayjohnston  
Instagram @jayjohnston  
Facebook - Jay Johnston  
Watch our services live at <http://fbccov.org/live/>



We exist to help people know and accept Jesus Christ and through Him experience life-changing relationships.



9 May 2018

Dear Co-laborers in Christ,

Greetings in the wonderful name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This letter is to inform you that I will be transitioning from my position as your *Director of Missions and Ministries following our Annual Meeting scheduled for October 1, 2018*. Until then and with God being my Strength I will continue to serve Him by serving the churches of the Northshore Baptist Association.

I began vocational Christian ministry (that means “paid!”) as a 15-year-old boy in Walker, LA as the “assistant music director” for Judson Baptist Church. I have not been without a vocational ministry position since then, going on 55 years now. Therefore, this decision is not made lightly nor without a period of deep struggle. But as each of you know, God is faithful. He demonstrated that faithfulness by giving Linda and me the clarity we needed to reach this decision. His peace accompanied that decision. His word is true: “You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You.” (Isaiah 26:3)

Please note: I intentionally used the word “transitioning” above. If Jesus tarries His return, and if He graces me with health, cognitive, and physical ability, then I plan to be used by Him in whatever way He will lead. If He chooses to return before October 1? Hallelujah! “Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.” (Revelation 22:20) “For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.” (Philippians 1:21)

I want to assure you of my prayers as we press forward together. I commit to fulfilling the demands of my calling as your Director of Missions and Ministries. Further, I commit to being available in any way you think I can help as pertains to the weeks and months ahead. Finally, please know this: I love each of you. I love our churches. I love our cooperative work in the Northshore. And most of all, I love Jesus with all my heart, with all my soul, and with all my mind. (Matthew 22:37) *But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.* (Galatians 6:14)

In Christ,

Lonnie Wascom