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August is Overdose Awareness Month

August is recognized as **Overdose Awareness Month**, a time to remember lives lost to overdose, support families and loved ones affected, and raise awareness about the importance of prevention, education, treatment, and recovery.

Overdose can affect individuals and families from every walk of life. This month serves as an opportunity for communities to come together, reduce the stigma surrounding substance use disorders, and encourage people who are struggling to seek help.

Education can also save lives. Recognizing the signs of

an overdose, knowing how to respond in an emergency, and increasing awareness of lifesaving resources such as naloxone can make a critical difference.

Throughout August, we honor those whose lives have been lost, stand with those who are grieving, and celebrate individuals working toward recovery.

Every life matters. Every story matters. And recovery is possible.



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Notice Posted: August 18, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

A public meeting will be held as follows:

The Cane River Waterway Commission pursuant to RS 42:14/42:19A will allow a public comment period prior to action on an agenda item upon which a vote is to be taken.

DATE: August 18, 2026

TIME: 6:00 pm

PLACE OF MEETING: 1483 HWY 119, Natchez Louisiana 71456

AGENDA:

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes from Meeting dated July 9, 2026

Public Comments

Executive Session

Old Business:

1. Pump Project Update
2. Bouy Update
3. No Wake Zone(s)

New Business:

1. New Board Member Introduction – Karson Eversull
2. Spray Update
3. Auction Information regarding old Office at 244 Cedar Bend Road
4. Office Security
5. Office Signage – including wrapping the truck and boat

Cane River Waterway Commission
1483 HYW 119, Natchez Louisiana 71456
318-663-8815

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Welcome
JOE SOLOMAN

NATCHITOCHES---Say hello to Joe Solomon, Courier, and member of Maintenance at BOM Bank! Joe is a longtime resident of Natchitoches and a third-generation cattle rancher. In addition to ranching, he dedicated 29 years to fire and EMS service. Joe enjoys traveling and taking RV trips, and his favorite destination is the beaches of Mexico with his wife. He is the proud father of four sons and grandfather to seven grandchildren, whom he loves spending time with. A fun fact about Joe is that he worked as an auctioneer for more than 20 years! Joe is an incredible member of our team, and we are grateful for everything he does to help keep our operations running smoothly. We're thankful to have him as part of the BOM Bank family!

RAPIDES---Congratulations to our Spring 2026 LBA Leadership School graduates: Anna Lee, Robin Thompson, Tiffany Ostbloom, Kimberly Wilkerson, and Jessi Norman! Over the six months, these outstanding bankers have dedicated their time to strengthening their leadership skills and investing in their professional growth through the Louisiana Bankers Association Leadership School. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and this well-deserved accomplishment.



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CADDO/BOSSIER---BOM Bank is proud to sponsor the 11U Louisiana Hitmen baseball team! Their mission goes beyond the game by developing young athletes through discipline, structure, community service, and leadership—both on and off the field. We're honored to support a program that is shaping the next generation of leaders while helping these players grow their love for the game. Pictured are Griffin Sibley, BOM's Bre Brown, Chad Darnell, and Landry Darnell.



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Mother and Daughter Begin College Together at NSU-Shreveport



NATCHITOCHES – Shawna Pike and her daughter, Addison Berg, will begin classes together this fall at Northwestern State University's Shreveport campus, where they will experience college from two different stages of life.

Pike first attended college after graduating from high school in 1995 but later put her education on hold.

She returned in 2017 before pausing her studies again after the birth of her third child. This fall, she will resume working toward an Associate of Science in Nursing degree with plans to continue into the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program.

"Now is the time to go back and finish my nursing degree at almost 50 years old," Pike said.

"I am going to do the RN program and then go to the BSN program."

Pike said beginning college alongside her daughter will make the transition back to the classroom easier.

"My daughter just graduated from high school this year. We both were able to go to school at the same time, so she decided to come live with us," Pike said. "I think it's actually going to be a little bit easier. I've got somebody that I love and that I know we can work together. We can learn about this experience together since it's kind of new for me, too, simply going back, so it'll be easy to have that extra relationship and comfort and being able to talk to each other about what it's like now in 2026."

Berg said she looks forward to experiencing college alongside her mother.

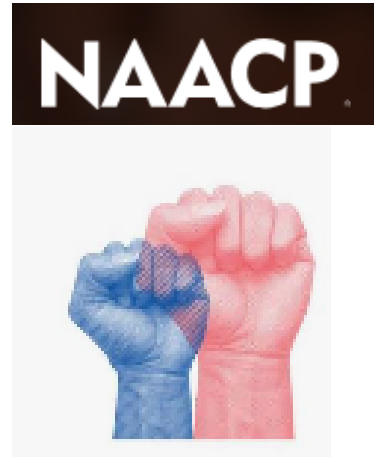
"I'm actually really excited," Berg said. "I didn't know at first that she was going back, but I think it's really cool that I can experience something new to me and also kind of new to her at the same time and be able to share something like that."

Pike said returning to college has reinforced her belief that pursuing a degree is possible at any stage of life.

"Absolutely, I think you're never too old to go back," Pike said.

College Together

Incoming Northwestern State University student Addison Berg poses for her student identification card photo during registration at NSU's Shreveport campus.



KNOW YOUR RIGHTS: *IMMIGRATION*

Immigration and Custom Enforcement (ICE) is meant to preserve American security and public safety, mainly within U.S. borders, by enforcing immigration laws. ICE is responsible for detaining, deporting, and convicting unauthorized immigrants.

ICE has been weaponized in local communities, conducting raids that have swept up both immigrants (whether here lawfully or not) and American citizens. As more raids are expected across the country, it's important to know your rights and protect yourself.

IF YOU'RE STOPPED BY ICE, HERE ARE A COUPLE OF POINTS TO REMEMBER:

- Remain calm and do not run away.
- If arrested, you have the right to speak with a lawyer.
- Do not sign anything without the advice of an attorney.
- You have the right to record any interaction with ICE as long as you are not interfering with an arrest
- If you are a U.S. citizen, you can say "I am a U.S. citizen and you do not have authority to arrest or detain me." If they decide to arrest you anyway, you have grounds for a federal civil rights lawsuit alleging unconstitutional detention or arrest.

“Black entertainment is an integral extension of Black advocacy and activism. Much of Black art emerges from subjugation that was designed to stifle our spirit. Instead, our inextinguishable light brightens the world with imagination, ingenuity, and infinite talent.”

- KYLE BOWSER, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, NAACP HOLLYWOOD BUREAU

WORD IN BLACK

Black America's Digital Daily

Is 2819 Church About Jesus — or Philip

Anthony Mitchell?

BY REV. DOROTHY S.



Pastor Philip Anthony Mitchell

2819 Church's rise to fame has sparked a debate: is the movement centered on Jesus, as Pastor Philip Anthony Mitchell insists, or has the pastor himself become the focus of devotion?

Mitchell's preaching style—urgent, emotional, physically expressive—draws thousands of mostly young worshippers who line up before dawn for Sunday services. His messages emphasize repentance, holiness, and the imminent return of Christ, resonating with Millennials and Gen Z disillusioned by scandals and shallow spirituality in other churches. His sermons regularly go viral, and the church has grown from under 200 attendees in 2023 to roughly 6,000, with massive prayer gatherings that overflow arenas.

Yet, this intense popularity has raised concerns about celebrity culture in the Black church. There has been a recent warning from prophet Joshua T. Giles, who claimed to witness a “shift... into an idolatry exaltation of the leader” during a spiritual encounter at 2819 Church. He described the altar as becoming “defiled” by excessive focus on Mitchell, prompting him to publicly caution the congregation.

Mitchell himself repeatedly tells followers not to idolize him, insisting that “2819 Church” exists solely to make Jesus known.

He attributes the church's explosive growth to God's sovereignty rather than strategy and speaks openly about surrendering personal ambition when re-launching the church under its new name, drawn from Matthew 28:19.

“I want to be clear: I have never watched a single teaching from Philip Anthony Mitchell,” Giles wrote. But his warning was clear: “The greater the platform, the more fiercely we must guard the altar.”

The post generated more than 1,000 reactions and hundreds of comments within hours, with Christians divided over whether Giles had issued a necessary prophetic warning or unfairly cast suspicion on a pastor whose teachings he acknowledged he had never heard.

“2819 Church” sits at a crossroads familiar in American Christianity: a powerful spiritual movement led by a charismatic figure whose influence risks overshadowing the message he preaches. Whether the church remains centered on Jesus—or drifts toward personality-driven devotion—depends on how both Mitchell and his followers navigate that tension.

City Clarifies Garbage Collection Schedule Amid Temporary Delays, Actively Recruiting CDL Drivers



CITY OF SHREVEPORT
MAYOR TOM ARCENEAUX

The City of Shreveport Department of Public Works is reminding residents that regular garbage collection days have not changed, despite temporary delays on some routes in recent weeks.

The delays are the result of a shortage of qualified truck drivers within the Solid Waste Division. Public Works currently has employees available to staff the back of garbage trucks but is 11 drivers short of the staffing level needed to operate a full collection schedule.

The department's goal is to have approximately 40 garbage trucks operating each week. Currently, staffing levels allow the City to operate approximately 30 trucks, which has made it difficult to complete the heavier Monday and Tuesday collection routes on schedule. Thursday and Friday routes generally have lower collection volumes and have experienced fewer delays.

Residents should continue placing their garbage cans at the curb on their regularly scheduled collection day. Collection days have not changed. If a can is not serviced on its scheduled day, residents are asked to leave it at the curb so crews can complete the route as soon as possible.

"Garbage collection is a basic City service, and our residents have every right to expect it to be reliable," said Mayor Tom Arceneaux. "Right now, we simply do not have enough qualified drivers to put the number of trucks on the road that we need. That is the problem, and we're working to fix it. In the meantime, the employees we have are working extended hours in difficult summer conditions to serve this city, and I appreciate the work they're doing. We know we need to get these routes caught up, and that is our priority."



City Actively Hiring CDL Drivers

The City is actively recruiting qualified drivers to help address the shortage.

Applicants must have a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) and at least one year of professional driving experience.

"We need drivers, and we're hiring now," said Mayor Arceneaux. "If you have a CDL, the required experience, and you're looking for steady work serving your community, I encourage you to apply. We have positions available and we need good people to fill them."

Interested applicants can apply through the City of Shreveport's website by visiting ShreveportLA.gov, selecting the Human Resources tab and clicking Current Job Openings.

Applicants may also apply directly through the City's online job posting for Driver Repairer: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/shreveportla/jobs/5442427/driver-repairer>

Public Works typically experiences greater staffing challenges during the hottest months of the year, when outdoor working conditions are particularly demanding. At the same time, collection volumes fluctuate throughout the year. With the beginning of the school year and an anticipated seasonal decrease in residential collection volume, the department expects conditions to improve as it continues recruiting drivers and working through delayed routes.

The City asks residents for patience as crews work to return all routes to their regular schedule and reminds residents not to change the day they place their carts at the curb.

For missed collections or other service concerns, residents can submit a request through Port City 311, available through the City's website at ShreveportLA.gov, by downloading the Port City 311 app, or by calling 318-673-5510.



ENVIRONMENTAL & CLIMATE JUSTICE

Environmental injustice, including the proliferation of climate change, systematically impacts communities of color and low-income communities in the U.S. and around the world.

NAACP

MEET ABRE' CONNER---Abre' Conner, Esq. is the Director of the Center for Environmental and Climate Justice and oversees the strategy and collaboration across the NAACP to dismantle environmental racism. A native of Lakeland, FL, Abre' served as the Directing Attorney of Health at the Law Foundation of Silicon Valley where she led the litigation, direct legal services work, and advocacy regarding health equity and the social determinants of health that impact historically excluded communities across the Silicon Valley.

Environmental and climate justice is a civil rights issue. We all depend on the physical environment and its bounty. We work to dismantle misinformation and disinformation by reclaiming environmental and climate storytelling and public education through the voices, leadership, and lived experiences of Black communities. We address this challenge in four components:



Black Communities and the legacy of entrenched pollution and climate injustice----For generations, discriminatory zoning, toxic industrial siting, and pollution from air, water, and soil have placed disproportionate burdens on Black neighborhoods.

The True Cost of Creating Intentional Sacrifice Zones---False "climate solutions" have been concentrated in frontline communities while fundamental needs and best practices for a sustainable future have been delayed or denied.

Emerging Threats Are A Reminder of Our Continued Fights---From plastics and synthetic textiles to new energy-intensive AI data centers, Black and frontline communities face a dangerous resurgence of environmental risk.

The Need For Renewable Energy and a Just Transition---Black families continue to face higher utility costs, limited access to clean energy resources, and exclusion from key energy policy decisions. Deregulated fossil fuel expansion and uneven clean energy development deepen inequality, creating another generation of harm.

What we're fighting for?

Making Polluters Pay---Holding corporations and industries financially responsible for the harms they cause. Ensure that polluter-pays mechanisms fund cleanup, equitable infrastructure, and community-led climate solutions worldwide.

Energy Justice---Expanding access to affordable, community-owned renewable energy. Insurance companies and financial institutions retreat from high-risk areas, abandoning communities rather than investing in resilience.

Sustainable communities and a toxic-free environment. Rebuilding clean water systems, housing, and transportation that serve people, not profit.

WORD IN BLACK*Black America's Digital Daily*

Pope Leo Finally Addresses His Black Ancestry and Slavery

In a candid interview, Pope Leo XIV has publicly addressed his family's complex racial history, confirming for the first time that his lineage includes both enslaved people and slaveowners. The revelation, shared with NBC News, has reignited conversations about race, identity, and the Catholic Church's historical relationship with slavery.

"On my mother's side, we have people who were both slaves and slaveowners," Pope Leo said, noting his family's deep roots in New Orleans' Creole community. While he did not describe himself as Black, he acknowledged the significance of his mixed heritage and the importance of confronting uncomfortable truths.

Historians and genealogists had uncovered details of the pope's ancestry within hours of his election, but until now, he had remained largely silent on the matter. His remarks mark the clearest acknowledgment yet of a personal history intertwined with America's legacy of slavery.

The first American-born pope, Leo's comments come at a time when the Catholic Church faces renewed calls to reckon with its role in the transatlantic slave trade and the systemic racism that followed. Advocates say his openness could help foster dialogue and healing, particularly among communities historically marginalized by the Church.

Pope Leo emphasized that acknowledging the past is not about assigning guilt to descendants, but about understanding the truth and its impact on present-day society. "We cannot change history," he said, "but we can change how we live with it."

His statement has been met with both praise and criticism—some see it as a courageous step toward transparency, while others believe it should be accompanied by concrete action. Still, many agree that his words have opened a new chapter in the Church's ongoing conversation about race, justice, and reconciliation.



NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR 2026 NATCHITOCHES TREASURES

NATCHITOCHES – The City of Natchitoches is now accepting nominations for the 2026 *Natchitoches Treasures*. This distinguished recognition honors residents of retirement age who have made a lasting impact on the community through their generosity, service, volunteerism, and community spirit.

Since 2008, *Natchitoches Treasures* have been celebrated annually for their dedication and contributions. The 2025 honorees were Alma Alost, Debra Gant, Burley Johnson, Emile Metoyer, Elvin Shields, and Diane Vienne.

Members of the community are encouraged to nominate deserving individuals. Nomination forms are available at City Hall, 700 Second Street, or online at [Natchitoches Treasures Nomination - City of Natchitoches, Louisiana](#). Completed nominations must be submitted to City Hall or online no later than **Thursday, September 11, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.**

A special ceremony honoring the 2026 *Natchitoches Treasures* will be held on **Friday, October 16, 2026**, at the Natchitoches Events Center.

For more information, please contact City Hall at **318-352-2772 ext. 7**.



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Get ready for the NSU School of Kinesiology Ribbon Cutting Celebration

Join Us for a Ribbon Cutting Celebration!

The Natchitoches Area Chamber of Commerce is excited to celebrate the grand launch of **Northwestern State University's School of Kinesiology** with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. Join us as we recognize this exciting new chapter and the continued growth of a program dedicated to preparing students for careers in health, human performance, sport management, and wellness. The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will take place at **12:15 p.m.** Be sure to arrive early to secure a great spot!

What to Expect:

- Celebrate the official launch of NSU's School of Kinesiology
- Learn how the transition reflects the program's continued growth and national recognition
- Discover the diverse academic programs and career pathways available to students
- Connect with NSU faculty, staff, students, alumni, and community leaders
- Explore the future of kinesiology education and human performance at Northwestern State University

We look forward to celebrating this exciting milestone for Northwestern State University and the future of the School of Kinesiology!

Fees/Admission

Free

Location

NSU School of Kinesiology
170 Tarlton Drive
Natchitoches, LA 71457



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NSU School of Kinesiology | Ribbon Cutting Celebration

August 27, 2026

12:00 PM CDT

[Register](#)



NSU seeks donations for Business Boutique

NATCHITOCHES – Northwestern State University's School of Business is seeking donations of new and gently used professional clothing for students interviewing for their first professional jobs and/or internships. The School maintains a Business Boutique for students to select professional attire at no charge.

The Business Boutique is just one of NSU's career-ready initiatives. The University's Career Center presents a Career Fair each semester, along with a Career Prep Week to coach students on networking, resume writing and reviews, mock interviews, professional etiquette and dressing for success.

Donations to the Business Boutique can be dropped off at the School of Business office in Russell Hall Room 201A. For more information, contact School of Business Director Dr. Curtis Penrod at penrodc@nsula.edu).



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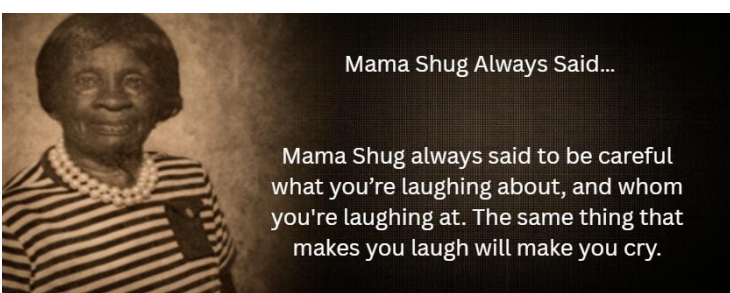
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Chick-fil-A on Keyser Avenue Celebrates Playground Opening

Chick-fil-A on Keyser Avenue in Natchitoches is celebrating the official opening of its new playground! A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held to mark the occasion, with members of the community joining in the celebration. The restaurant thanked everyone who attended and helped make the opening a special event. The new indoor playground gives local children another place to play and enjoy time with their families while visiting Chick-fil-A. The Chick-fil-A team says they are excited to bring the new play area to Natchitoches and look forward to welcoming families inside.



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NRMC Recognized for Obstetric Readiness

NATCHITOCHES, La. — Natchitoches Regional Medical Center (NRMC) has been recognized by the Louisiana Department of Health’s Office of Public Health and the Louisiana Perinatal Quality Collaborative for its participation in the **Obstetric Readiness in Emergency Departments Initiative**.

The initiative is designed to strengthen emergency departments’ ability to recognize, evaluate, and respond effectively to obstetric emergencies.

Through its participation, NRMC’s Emergency Department team continues to enhance its preparedness to provide pregnant patients with timely, compassionate, and coordinated care during critical situations.

This recognition highlights NRMC’s ongoing commitment to improving maternal health and promoting safer outcomes for mothers and babies throughout Natchitoches and the surrounding communities.

NRMC also recognizes the dedication of its Emergency Department team, whose commitment to preparedness and high-quality care helps ensure Louisiana families have access to the support they need when every moment matters.

Congratulations to the NRMC Emergency Department team on this important recognition and continued commitment to maternal and infant health.



Pictured from left to right: Dr. Phyllis Mason; Anne Mahloch, Nursing Unit Manager; Misty Dalme Calvert, Director of ER/NP; and Sarah LaCour, Chief Nursing Officer



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Two weeks to kickoff: NSU spirit groups prepare for football season.

- NSU spirit groups (Pom Line, Spirit of Northwestern, NSU Cheer) practicing before fall football season starts Aug. 27.
- Media package available via link; practices began Aug 11 for the Aug. 27 opener vs. Louisiana Christian at 7 p.m.



Northwestern State Home Football Game

August 27 TIME: TBD

Northwestern State University

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Main Branch -- Children's Department

No sign up needed!

Themes vary each week for stories and crafts.

Stories and crafts are geared for children up to age 5.



Painting for Kids

Ages 9-12

Tuesday, September 1

6-7:30 pm

Main Branch - Children's Dept.



Sign Up Required!

Sign up in person
or by calling
318-238-9222.



Children must be accompanied by an adult in order to stay for the program.

Kid Gamers Club

Ages 6-12

Saturday, September 12

2-3:30 pm

Main Branch-Children's Dept.



Club Activities:

- Bring your own devices to play with new friends!
- Wii and board games available for play!
- Snacks provided!

Sign Up Required!!
Parents may sign up in person or by calling 238-9222.



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Group One: Ages 6-8

A D&D inspired game geared to children

Monday, September 14

6-8 pm

Main Branch-Children's Dept.



Sign Up Only!
Parents may sign up in person or by calling 318-238-9222.



Children must be accompanied by an adult in order to stay for the program.

Finger Painting Fun

Ages 1-4

Tuesday, September 15
6-7PM

Main Branch - Children's Floor

SIGN UP ONLY!!

Parents may sign up in person or by calling 238-9222.

Children must be accompanied by an adult in order to stay for the program.



Explore, taste, and learn about the importance of eating fresh, local food

Ages 3-12

Thursday, September 17
6pm

Main Branch - Children's Floor



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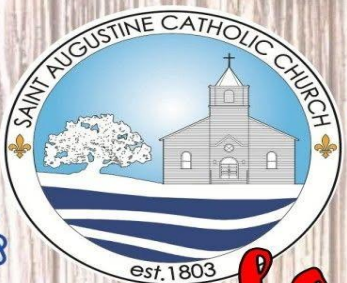
Coordinator of Homeless Services and Federal Programs at

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- MUSIC BY DJ JOEY

SATURDAY 8AM — Until

- 3RD ANNUAL "RUN FOR ROD" Run/Walk in Loving Memory of Chadwick "Rod" Nelson
- 10AM — 5PM
- FUN & GAMES
- BINGO & RAFFLES
- GUMBO, MEAT PIES, TAMALES & DINNER PLATES
- 5PM — 6PM
- MASS
- 6PM — 11PM
- FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES
- 9PM
- FIREWORKS SHOW!
- 6:30PM — 10:30PM
- GERARD DELAFOSE & THE ZYDECO GATORS!

ZYDECO CONCERT!!

SUNDAY 10:30AM

- MASS
- 11:30AM - 3PM
- FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES RESUME

MT. PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH

CELEBRATES

USHER Anniversary

SUNDAY AUGUST 16, 2026

2:00 PM

HOST PASTOR JAMES B. KING JR.
MT. PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH

GUEST SPEAKER REV. PAUL D. BEAVERS
PASTOR
NEW MORNING STAR BAPTIST CHURCH

*"Serve the Lord with gladness:
come before his presence with singing."
Psalm 100:2*

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