



Welcome to Home Federal Bank

We are excited to announce that as of February 1, 2023, Home Federal Bancorp, Inc. of Louisiana, the holding company for Home Federal Bank (HFB), completed the acquisition of Northwest Bancshares Corporation, the holding company for First National Bank of Benton (FNB Benton). At the completion of the acquisition, First National Bank of Benton was merged into Home Federal Bank with total assets under control of approximately \$650 million.

To our new FNB Benton customers, you will see no immediate changes to how you conduct your everyday banking, and there is nothing you need to do at this time. Over the next few months, FNB Benton accounts and systems will transition over to HFB. Rest assured that as this integration progresses any changes affecting you, your accounts, and your access to account information will be communicated well in advance.

HFB will continue to be the same great bank with a community banking tradition that sets us apart from other financial institutions. For 99 years, HFB has served our customers in Northwest Louisiana. With nine existing full-service branches and a commercial lending office, the addition of FNB Benton will further enhance our ability to serve your banking needs through additional products and services and enhanced online and mobile banking capabilities. Both banks have a culture of commitment to customers and the community, making this partnership an ideal fit. We share a common belief in providing face-to-face personal service with a dedication to our customer's financial success.

While there will be changes over the next several months, you will continue to see the same friendly faces you know and receive the superior customer service you expect from your bank. Our main goal is to make this transition as seamless as possible. With nine existing branches in Shreveport, Bossier City, and Minden, Home Federal Bank has provided A Better Way of banking since 1924. We now look forward to serving the town of Benton. On behalf of the entire staff and Board of Directors of Home Federal Bank, I would like to thank you for your business.

Sincerely,

James R. Barlow
Chairman of the Board,
President, and CEO
Home Federal Bank