

## Mid-Month Newsletter: July 2020

We will return to worship indoors this Sunday (July 12th)! As you prepare for worship, please know we are doing everything we can to ensure your health and wellbeing. Here are some precautions you should expect, and we ask for your assistance in implementing these efforts:

1. Contactless entry into the building and gathering of supplies.
2. Masks will be encouraged and supplied, as well as hand sanitizer.
3. Social distancing and respecting of personal boundaries, and no greeting time during worship.
4. Tithes and offerings collected in plates placed near the entrances and exits.
5. A designated "Clean Area" in the Fellowship Hall for those who are more conscientious and desire to practice stricter social distancing, with a simulcast of the service.



The Governor announced recently that we are remaining in Phase 2 of Louisiana's Roadmap to Resilience. We would like you to know that as we meet for Sunday School and Morning Worship, we will practice social distancing and using other precaution measures to stay safe during this time. We ask that you wear masks but it is not required. We have mask by the entrances if you would like to use one. Hand sanitizer stations are located in various places throughout the church. When we return to services inside the building, if you prefer limited access and away from larger groups, we have seating available in the Fellowship Hall and the Worship service will be live streamed there. Common areas, doors, and handrails are disinfected at least twice a week. We are excited about this opportunity for our church to gather again for worship and seeing you.

As far as decisions on the other services and activities returning, the Deacons decided that the Sunday Night Services will return August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Children and Youth activities on Sunday and Wednesday nights will return beginning August 5<sup>th</sup>. **On August 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will have an ice cream social beginning at 6 PM to kick off our returning of evening bible Studies, activities, and services for the fall.** Please keep an eye on your email, our Facebook page, and our website for updates concerning church events, activities, & services as information develops.

We continue to ensure that we can be able to "Connect, Grow, and Serve" together, during this time. That includes making some of our activities accessible through various media. See page 1 of this newsletter for details on how to tune in.

### **July's Special Offerings & Emphasis** ***Crisis Pregnancy and Children's*** ***Home Fall Food Roundup***

Your generosity to both of these offerings are greatly appreciated.

### **Finance Committee Meeting**

**Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> \* @ 4 PM**

*Members of this committee can either meet at the church or use Zoom Meeting. If you have questions, contact Paul Morris or the church office.*

### **Deacons Meeting – Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> 4:45 PM**

Several items are on the agenda for the meeting. All deacons are encouraged to attend. Deacons can either attend in person or by Zoom Meeting. Everyone is asked to please pray for our Deacons daily

Ways to view or listen to our Sunday Morning Worship Services and Wednesday Night Bible Study:

- 1) Our Facebook page - [Facebook.com/FirstBaptistMany](https://www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistMany)
- 2) Our YouTube channel - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXZDreBweOc8FsCqIcbXKog>
- 3) KWLTV (107.1) radio

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<b>Pre K 3 &amp; 4</b> Jumbo Pencils (2 count) Jumbo Crayons (8 count) Blunt tip scissors Small glue sticks (3 count) Large Eraser	<b>Kindergarten</b> Pencils (24 count) Markers (8 count) Crayons (8 count) Blunt tip scissors Pencil pouch Pencil top erasers (10 count)
<b>Grades 1-3</b> Small glue sticks (3 count) Crayons (24 count) Markers (10 count) Folder pocket no brads Composition book	<b>Grades 4-6</b> Bottle glue Markers (10 count) Pencils (24 count) Composition book Folder pocket with brads
<b>Grades 7-12</b> Black pens (10 count) 1-inch Binder Loose leaf wide ruled paper (150 sheets) Folder pocket with brads Blue pens or mechanical pencils (10 count)	

## **Business Meeting on Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:30 PM**

Members are urged to attend and take part in important business matters.

## **NEW XYZ BIBLE STUDY TO BEGIN AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup> "THE HANDWRITING ON THE WALL" BY DR. DAVID**

### **JEREMIAH**

Let me ask you: how did Daniel thrive in the midst of a troubling culture? Daniel's prayer life shaped history, upset Satan, and moved the hand of God. We can learn how to be strong in our faith, in our testimony, and in our culture through the study of Daniel. He stayed strong in prayer while facing uncertain times. We too need to have a dependency and stay steady in prayer no matter the circumstance. But studying the book of Daniel will give you a solid spiritual foundation, a determined heart for God, a hunger for His Word, a habit of daily prayer, and a grasp of His absolute sovereign power. Let this inspirational teaching of the biblical book of Daniel provide a framework for living your life today. ***If you would like to participate in this XYZ Bible Study, contact the church office. The books are \$15. Plans are set to begin this study on Tuesday, August 4th.***

**Notes from the Kitchen...** There are several dishes in the kitchen that are looking for their owners. Some of the dishes include cake carriers. Take a look next time you are at the church to see if one belongs to you.



Thanks  
for Your  
Support!

We would like to thank everyone who has made contributions to the church, especially during this time. Many have given by mail, made online contributions, or ran their check by the church during office hours. We finished May by exceeding budget requirements by \$ 2,466.64 and spending \$ 6,235.62 less than income. Church members who would like a copy of our May financials may contact the church office. Again, thanks for your faithful giving and keeping the work of God's church going during this difficult time!

### **Emergency Contact Numbers**

#### **First Baptist Church of Many**

Church Office = (318)256-5655

M – F from 8 AM – 4 PM & closed 1 hr. for lunch

AFTER HOURS CONTACTS:

Bro. Jonathan Bost = (205)499-9522

Karen Sepulvado = 645-4842 or 508-1138

Mark Jordan = (318)332-9114

Jeff Leach = (318)655-1727

Cut this out and save it for future use! Share it with your family in case of an emergency situation in which our staff will need to be notified.

### **Look Ahead at Upcoming Activities in August:**

- Saturday, August 1st – Back to School Rally.
- Sunday, August 2nd – Gideon Service & Ice Cream Social.
- Saturday, August 15th – ReGroup Conference (online).
- Sunday, August 16th – Finance & Deacons Meeting.
- Wednesday, August 19th - Business Meeting.
- Friday, August 28th – Fourth Friday Fish Fry @ Clara Springs.

### **August's Special Offerings & Emphasis**

*Disaster Relief and Children's*

*Home Fall Food Roundup*

Your generosity to both of these are greatly appreciated.