

# First BAPTIST CHURCH

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## Newsletter: August 2020



On Sunday, July 19th at the conclusion of the Morning Worship Service, Bro. Jonathan Bost turned in his resignation to our church as he has accepted the Pastor position at Parkway Baptist Church in Natchez, Mississippi. His last day as Pastor of our church will be Sunday, August 2nd. We do wish the Bost family well and pray for them as they begin their ministry at Parkway BC. Please keep them in your prayers.

During the Morning Worship Service on Sunday, August 2nd, we will present to the Bost family a card basket from our church family. If you would like to participate, you can turn in a card, letter, note, and/or gift as a part of this presentation as we express our thanks, thoughts, memories, prayers, and well wishes to them. Please turn in your cards and/or gifts to the church office, Danny Warmack, or Paul Morris prior to Sunday, August 2nd. If you have any questions on this, please contact the church office.

### Join Us for Sunday Morning Worship Service @ 10:30 AM

#### No Sunday or Wednesday Night Activities

Join us in the Sanctuary each Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. for our Morning Worship Service. Sunday School classes will not be held unless individual classes still wish to meet in larger areas of the church on Sundays at 9:15 a.m. or if the class decides to meet at another time or online. Sunday Night and Wednesday Night Activities will be postponed at this time. We will continue to evaluate our re-gathering details again soon. Please keep an eye on your email, our Facebook page & our website for updates on church events, activities, & services as info develops.

The Governor announced recently that we are remaining in Phase 2 of Louisiana's Roadmap to Resilience until August 7<sup>th</sup>. We would like you to know that as we meet for Sunday School, Morning Worship, and meetings, we will practice social distancing and using other precaution measures to stay safe during this time. We request that you wear masks but it is not required. We have masks by the entrances if you would like one. Hand sanitizer stations are located in various places throughout the church. Since we returned to services inside the building and 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.



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.

### **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

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

*Disaster Relief and  
Children's Home Fall Food Roundup*  
Your generosity to both of these are greatly appreciated.

### **Finance Committee Meeting**

**Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> @ 4 PM**

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

## **Sunday Worship Service Speaker Schedule**

### **Worship Service @ 10:30 AM**

Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup> – Rev. Ron Thompson

Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> – Rev. Lee Rodgers

Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> – Rev. Stacy Morgan

Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> – Dr. Dweight St. Andries

Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup> – Charles Gibbs

### **Deacons Meeting – Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> @ 4:45 PM**

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

### **NEW XYZ BIBLE STUDY TO BEGIN SEPTEMBER 8<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, please contact the church office so that we can order enough books. Books are \$ 15 each. Plans are set to begin this study on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, contact the church office or Bro. Jonathan.*

**The Church Office will be closed on Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup> for Labor Day!  
Have a blessed and safe holiday!**



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 as well as giving at worship service. We finished June just short of budget requirements by \$ 3,435.85 and spending less than income. Church members who would like a copy of our June 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!

### **Business Meeting on Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:30**

Several items are on the agenda for the meeting including the report from the Nominating Committee. Members are urged to attend and take part in business matters.

### **REALM – ONLINE GIVING AND MORE!**

Church members and family are encouraged to reply to their invitation to the church Realm website. You can check your member profile, giving statements, give online, and more. Contact the church office for info and to receive another invite.



Sunday School Leadership Training through the Louisiana Baptist Convention will be hosted online August 10th and 11th with sessions at 6:00 and 7:30 PM both nights:

#### **Monday, August 10**

6:00 PM - Pastors/Staff/Key Ministry Leaders 7:30 PM - Adult Leaders

#### **Tuesday, August 11**

6:00 PM - Next Gen, Preschool & Children's Leaders 7:30 PM - Next Gen, Youth Leaders

Click <https://louisianabaptists.org/event/digital-regroup-2020/> for more information and to register for each of the time slots for training.

### **Notes from the Kitchen....**

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



- 1 Linda Kirk
- 2 Lindsey Fredieu, Mike Ross
- 6 Virginia Burkett
- 7 John Curtis, Rachael Ross
- 8 Colton Alford, Doug Patrick
- 9 Lance Horner
- 11 Daniel Jordan
- 13 David Maxey
- 14 Andy Payne
- 16 Amy Lee
- 17 Valerie Scalsi

- 18 Cecile Lites
- 19 Terry Brandon
- 21 Breez Booker
- 22 Robby Lang
- 24 Brock Booker, Phyllis Horton
- 25 Victoria Lane
- 27 Al Schweiger
- 28 Courtney Barnhill
- 29 Matthew Bost, Ginger Jordan
- 30 Shirley Salley

**Deacon Counters for August –**  
Mark Jordan & Phillip Roark

**Bulletin & Newsletter Deadlines**

- Bulletin for 8/2 = Thursday 7/30 @ 9 AM
- Bulletin for 8/9 = Thursday 8/6 @ 9 AM
- Bulletin for 8/16 = Thursday 8/13 @ 9 AM
- Bulletin for 8/23 = Thursday 8/20 @ 9 AM
- Bulletin for 8/30 = Thursday 8/27 @ 9 AM

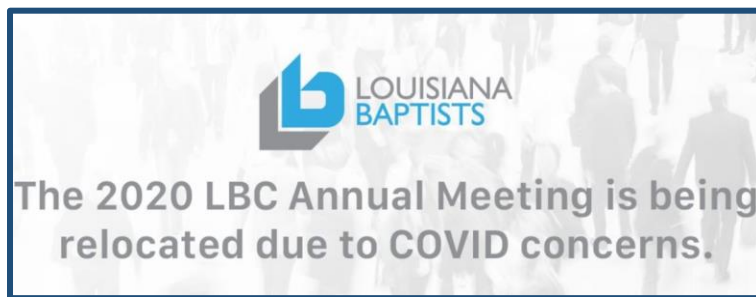
Newsletter for September 2020 = 8/27 @ 9 AM

*If you have any announcements that need to be placed in these church publications, please have them to Karen or Chloe by these deadlines.*

<b>Members in Service :</b>		
	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Deacon of the Week</b>
8/2	Drew Bost, Kathy Warmack, and Nancy Wright	Mark Jordan
8/9	Anne Richey, Becky Horner, Danny Warmack, and Linda Cummings	Danny Warmack
8/16	Suzanne Worsham, Dorothy Alford, Don Scaife, and Jan Varnado	Norman Booker, Jr.
8/23	Shirley Salley and Delores Geoghagan	Charles Mains
8/30	Rocky Wright and Chloe Leach	Paul Morris

**Look Ahead at Upcoming Activities in September:**

- Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup> – Labor Day & Church Office Closed.
- Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> – First Responders Service.
- Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> – Finance & Deacons Meeting.
- Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> - Business Meeting.
- Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> – Louisiana College Singers.
- Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup> – Fourth Friday Fish Fry @ Clara Springs.



<b>Vital Statistics</b>	
<b>Financial</b>	
<b>July 2020</b>	
Monthly Budget Needs:	\$24,818.74
Gifts Received to Date:	\$17,233.29
Budget Needs Remaining:	\$7,585.45

**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 = (318)508-1138  
 Mark Jordan = (318)332-9114  
 Jeff Leach = (318)655-1727

## Pastor's Note .....

Dear Church Family,

It is with mixed emotions that I announce my resignation as Pastor of First Baptist Church, effective August 3, 2020. This announcement comes with the excitement of accepting the call to serve as Pastor of Parkway Baptist Church in Natchez, Mississippi. It also comes with sorrow because I will soon no longer have the privilege of serving as your Pastor. One of the greatest joys of my ministry over the past five years has been to meet your friends and family members and to have you introduce me as “your Pastor.”

My ministry to you and with you has brought many joys. You have provided many expressions of love and support, each one providing encouragement at precisely the right moment. You have walked alongside my family as we moved to Sabine Parish, you helped us welcome our second child into our home, you have supported Drew in her continued education, and you witnessed our first child begin school. For these memories, and many others, we are deeply indebted to you for the confidence and trust you placed in us as we have served the Lord alongside you. I hope you recognize the love you have expressed is mutual—we love First Baptist Church.

That is why this decision comes with heartbreak and tears. It is not easy to tell others goodbye, and it is much more difficult to say goodbye to those whom you love and respect. I hope that while you may no longer call me Pastor, you will still call me friend.

As I depart, I want to assure you that I am certain that any success the ministry of First Baptist Church has had over the past five years has been the result of the Lord's work through us as a congregation. And any failure can certainly be attributed to me and my leadership. I believe, and I pray, that the best days of First Baptist Church are still before her. However, for that to occur will require intentional transition and strategic planning, much of that will be easier without a personality in the position of Pastor. I pray that God will lead you to participate in this season of transformation, that you will depend upon Him for wisdom and guidance, and you will witness both His faithfulness and His blessing for the future.

Some may ask the question of why am I leaving? Just as I followed God's call from Ebenezer Baptist Church in Pennington, Alabama to serve you, I must remain faithful to God when calls to a new ministry setting. I have simply felt God's call to continue my ministry to a different church in a new community. And members of Parkway Baptist Church have also overwhelmingly expressed their confidence that God has led their congregation to me.

My desire for the next two weeks is to continue to serve as your pastor: to pray for and with you, to continue to preach God's Word, to provide you with Godly counsel, and to do as much as I can to prepare First Baptist Church for the transition to her next season of ministry. It is my humble request that you continue to give me that opportunity.

Remaining in His Service,

Jonathan Bost

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Pastor – Rev. Jonathan Bost

Music Director – Mark Jordan  
Church & Financial Secretary – Karen Sepulvado

Youth Director - Jeff Leach  
Church Secretary – Chloe Leach