



# Order of Worship

## Sunday, March 5, 2023

Welcome & Announcements

Praise & Worship

*Responsive Reading* ..... Hymn # 493

*Revive Us Again* ..... Hymn # 493

Prayer ..... Deacon of the Week..... Don Burkett

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Bro. Bo's Buddies

Congregational

*I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me* ..... Hymn # 568

*My Life Is in You, Lord*..... Hymn # 518

Special Music

Sermon ..... Bro. Bo Owens

*Dead Churches*

*Revelation 3:1-6*

Invitation ..... *Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus* ..... Hymn # 413

Benediction ..... *Days of Elijah* ..... Hymn #289

**Birthdays:** Laurie Morrow (5), and Jace Alford (8),

*Flowers for today's service are placed by Phyllis and Kimberly Horton and Judy (Cathy) Moore in memory of their mother and grandmother, Katherine Ross Derrick and their aunt Mable Ross.*

<i>February Offering:</i>	
<i>L.a. World Hunger</i>	
<i>Our Church Goal:</i>	<i>\$ 500.00</i>
<i>Offerings Received:</i>	<i>\$ 502.00</i>
<i>Goal Exceeded:</i>	<i>\$ 2.00</i>

**March Special Offering's**  
*Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and La. Baptist Children's Home Egg Drive (Large White Bath Towels)*  
 Your support is greatly appreciated.

<b>First Baptist Church</b>			
<b>Ministry Leaders</b>			
Bro. Bo Owens		Interim Pastor	
Youth Director		Music Director	
<b>Worship Team</b>			
Glenda Merriman	Pianist	Merrill Cummings	Organist

### *Activities This Week*

Today:	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Morning Worship Service & Livestream
	11:00 a.m.	KWLV (107.1 FM) radio
Wednesday:	5:45 p.m.	Meal
	6:15 p.m.	Prayer Meeting, Youth & Children Studies
Thursday:	11:00 a.m.	XYZ Bible Study
Next Sunday:	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Morning Worship Service & Live Stream
	11:00 a.m.	KWLV (107.1) radio

### **Prayer Concerns:**

Merilyn Booker, Kathy Byles, Becky Horner, Ginger Jordan, Kristi Leach, Margaret Leach, , Eddie Moore, Bro. Bo & Karen Owens, Evelyn Scaife, Dovie Tarver, Rev. Claude & Louise Weatherford, Pat Wiggins, Cindy Wright, and Mary Jo Wright

### **Members in Service :**

<i>Greeters</i>		<i>Deacon of the Week</i>
3/5	<i>Cathy Kelly, Nancy Wright</i>	Don Burkett
3/12	<i>Kathy and Danny Warmack</i>	Phillip Roark

### **Ways to Give Your Tithes & Offerings**

- Place in offering plate as you enter or exit the Sanctuary.
- Mail to Church (P.O. Box 239, Many, LA 71449) or bring to the office.
- Log on to [www.fbcmany.org/giving](http://www.fbcmany.org/giving) or text FBCMANY to 73256

### **Vital Statistics**

Financial		Attendance		
February 2023		Date	Sunday School	Worship
Monthly Budget Needs:	\$ 24,305.04	2/5	44	59
Gifts Received to date:	25,488.38	2/12	45	67
Budget Needs Exceeded:	\$ 1,183.34	2/19	56	63
		2/26	55	61

### **Wednesday Night Focus on Church Revitalization**

Join us Wednesday at 6:15 PM as we continue our Church Revitalization plan. All church members are urged to attend and take part in the Bible Study, discussions, and prayer for God's direction for Many First Baptist.

# ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

THE ANNUAL ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING IS NOW UNDERWAY. THE NATIONAL WEEK OF PRAYER IS MARCH 5 -12. PRAYER GUIDES ARE INCLUDED IN THE BULLETIN. OUR CHURCH GOAL IS \$3,500. PRAY ABOUT YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT TOWARDS THIS OFFERING.



## Proposed Revised 2023 Budget vote passed

Church members voted unanimously on Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> to adopt the proposed revised budget for 2023. The monthly budget requirements will now be \$ 25,960.40. Be in prayer for this budget and your part in financially supporting the mission of FBC.

## La Baptist Children's Home Egg & Towel Drive

It's time for the annual Children's Home Egg Drive. You can donate fresh eggs or give a monetary donation so they can purchase eggs. This year you can also donate large white bath towels. The cottages are in great need of these. Please have your eggs and/or towels to the church before March 21<sup>st</sup> so the Home can pick them up.

## WMU Hosting Lunch at NSU BCM March 29, 2023

The WMU is planning to host Lunch at the NSU-BCM on Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to help or for further information, please contact Shirley Salley or the church office.

It's time to begin Daylight Saving time. When you go to bed on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, don't forget to set your clocks FORWARD one hour. We want you to be on time for Sunday School and Morning Worship. It's also a good time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.



## Monthly Meetings

Finance Committee Meeting = Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> @ 5 PM  
Deacons Meeting = Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6 PM  
W.M.U. Meeting = Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> @ 9:30 AM  
Business Meeting = Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:15 PM



Does the church office have your correct contact information? If you are unsure, please drop us an email with all your info (cell#, birthday, anniversary, email, etc.) so we can update our records.

# Dead Churches

## Revelation 3:1-6

Is there anything more difficult to deal with than the death of a loved one? Perhaps in God's eye, the death of a church would be the most difficult. Jesus wrote to a church that he described as being dead! Churches like individuals, can die. What causes a church to die? The letter to the church of Sardis may give us some valuable lessons.

- I. The Messenger (3:1)
  1. Having Seven Spirits
  2. Having Seven Stars
- II. The Message (3:1-5)
  1. Compliments (3:2;4)
  2. Criticisms (3:1-6:2)
  3. Commands (3:3)
  4. Consequences (3:3b-5)

Tom Rainer in his book, *Autopsy of a Deceased Church*, says in his research of thousands of churches he found that 10% were healthy, 40% showed symptoms of disease, 40% were very sick, and 10% were dead. If Jesus wrote to our church, what do you think He would say? What would He say to you? How healthy are you?



### Wednesday Night Meal Menu for March 8<sup>th</sup>

Rice Dressing w/ Beef, Pinto Beans, Salad, and Dessert.

(Note: If you plan to eat with us, RSVP to the Church Office by Tuesday at noon.  
Call 256-5655 or email [fbcmany@bellsouth.net](mailto:fbcmany@bellsouth.net))



Remember  
to  
**RSVP**

### Wednesday Night Meal RESERVATION SLIP

Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ # Meals: \_\_\_\_\_

**Place this slip in the Offering Plate please!**