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**Newsletter: May 2023**

**Church Picnic on Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> after AM Worship Service**

Come join us for our annual Memorial Day Picnic Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. We will have grilled hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixings for those items. You can bring side dishes, chips, dips, and desserts. There will have a water slide as well as plenty of games set up outside. Plenty of fun for young and old to participate in. Invite family and friends to come join in the festivities.



**SPECIAL CALLED BUSINESS MEETING ON**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>**

Immediately following the Morning Worship Service on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, we will have a special called Business Meeting. The purpose of this is to vote to temporarily suspend part of the Church Constitution and Bylaws that pertain to selecting an Interim Pastor Search Committee. Church members will be allowed to vote on this item of business. For more details, please contact the church office.

**Gideon Speaker May 7th**

Join us Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> as we welcome Winston Hodge to come bring us a message on behalf of the local Gideon Chapter. We will receive an offering to support the local Gideons efforts to place the word of God into people's hands. Please support them financial as well as with your attendance on May 7<sup>th</sup>.



**PARENT & CHILD DEDICATION ON SUNDAY, MAY 14<sup>TH</sup>**

Parents of babies and young children are encouraged to participate! During our Mother's Day Worship Service, we will have Parent & Child Dedication as part of the service. If you would like to participate, we ask that you contact the church office no later than Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.

As you may have heard, Bro. Bo and Karen Owens have made the difficult decision to resign as Interim Pastor and Interim Music Director due to Karen's health issues. They have made such a great impact on our church and church family in the 25 months they have been with us. We will truly miss them both. We will receive a love offering and notes of thanks and appreciation for them on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> and present it at the conclusion of that service. Please keep them both in your prayers.



**Many High School Baccalaureate Service**  
**Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 6 p.m.**

There will be no service or activities at the Church on May 3<sup>rd</sup> so those wishing to attend baccalaureate may do so. Please go support and pray for these graduates at this special service.

**W.M.U. Meeting**

**Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 AM**

All ladies who are interested in learning about and participating in missions are encouraged to come and join. Contact Shirley Salley for more details.

**Business Meeting on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> @ 6:15 PM**

There are several important items to discuss! Church members are urged to attend. Come be a part of the discussions and decisions in church business matters.

***Church Office Closed on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day***  
***Normal office hours will resume on Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Please plan accordingly.***



## Kids! Join us for the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Toledo Bend Baptist Resort Ministry Children's Fishing Derby!

Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Fishing Time  
San Miguel Park, pavilion Bank fishing Ages 3-15

Preschoolers must have a parent or guardian present.

School-age children groups must have at least one adult for each 5 children. Bring a fishing pole or rod and reel and some bait (not provided). We will also have complimentary lunch.

## MONTHLY DEACONS MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 21<sup>ST</sup> @ 6:00 PM

This will be the regular monthly meeting and all Deacons are urged to attend. Pray for our Deacons and their ministry to our church.

## Finance Committee Meeting

Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> @ 5 p.m.

Members of this committee are urged to attend. There are several important items to discuss. If you can't attend, contact Paul Morris or the church office.

If you are interested in receiving training to be on a security team for the church, contact the church office. We have someone who will come present information and training here at the church. The date will be soon but is still to be determined.

## 2023 Flower Calendar Has Openings

We have several upcoming open dates on the calendar for Sanctuary flowers. If there is a certain date you would like, please contact the church office ASAP so we can schedule you for that date. We appreciate everyone who places the beautiful flowers in our Sanctuary.

## VBS Volunteers Needed!

If you would like to volunteer for the open slots to help with our VBS, please sign up on the bulletin board by the Children's Department or contact Ginger Jordan.

## Wednesday Night Activities

Meal @ 5:45 PM

Prayer Meeting & Devotion @ 6:15 PM

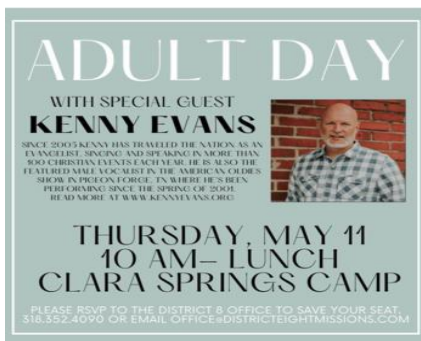
Join us weekly for this time of study and prayer. The adults will meet in the fellowship hall. Youth and Children meet in their Sunday School room.

## Adult Day Clara Spring

With Special Guest Speaker **Kenny Evans**

Thursday May 11<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. - Lunch

For those in our church who would like to carpool, we have several people who will be taking their cars and have offered rides. Be at the church by 8:45 AM that day & we will leave at 9 AM Sharp! For more info & to RSVP on this event, contact the church office or contact District Eight Office at 318-352-4090 or email [office@districteightmissions.com](mailto:office@districteightmissions.com).



No XYZ Bible Study until Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. During the summer months on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month, the group will do a lunch trip. If you are interested or need more info contact the church office.

On Tuesday April 25, the District Eight Executive Board recognized Missionary Mary Gore for 30 years of service to Toledo Bend Baptist Resort Ministries. Mary's ministry anniversary was March 1, and the Toledo Bend Advisory Committee Recognized her then with a gift and reception. Pictured are Bro. Ron Thompson, District Eight Coordinator of Missions; Ms. Mary Gore; and Bro. Matt Warren, chairman of the Budget, Finance, and Personnel Committee of District Eight.



## **From the Messy Desk –**

Most of you know Karen and I have resigned as your interim music director and pastor. This has been a difficult decision, but made because the medical demands of Karen's health demands made it impossible to devote the time and energy necessary to serve effectively.

Please know we love and appreciate you. We will treasure the friendships and memories of the past twenty-five months. We pray that you will continue to serve the Lord and trust Him to guide you into the future.

Love, Bro Bo and Karen

**Deacon Counters for May –**  
Phillip Roark & Merrill Cummings

### **Bulletin & Newsletter Deadlines**

Bulletin for 5/7 = Thursday 5/4 @ 9 AM

Bulletin for 5/14 = Thursday 5/11 @ 9 AM

Bulletin for 5/21 = Thursday 5/18 @ 9 AM

Bulletin for 5/28 = Thursday 5/25 @ 9 AM

Newsletter for June 2023 = Monday 5/22 @ 9 AM

*To have announcements to be placed in church publications, have them to Karen or Phyllis by these deadlines.*

<b>Vital Statistics</b>	
<b>Financial thru April 23, 2023</b>	
Monthly Budget Needs:	\$ 25,960.40
Gifts Received for Month:	\$ 17,861.00
Budget Needs Remaining:	\$ 8,099.40

### **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:**

**Karen Sepulvado = (318)508-1138**

**Phyllis = (318)602-5062**

### **Members in Service :**

<b>Greeters</b>		<b>Deacon of the Week</b>
5/7	Nancy Wright, Cathy Kelly	Danny Warmack
5/14	Kathy & Danny Warmack	Charles Mains
5/21	Dorothy Alford, Shirley Salley	Paul Morris
5/28	Shirley Salley, Delores Geoghagan, and Rocky Wright	Don Burkett



### **IN ONE ACCORD PRAYER TIME**

Join this weekly time of prayer and be in “one accord” as we pray for our church, upcoming church events and activities, as well as other requests and prayer needs. It is held each Monday at 7:30 a.m. at the church in the fellowship hall or pastor’s office.



### **Vacation Bible School**

**June 26 – June 30      5:00 – 8:00 PM**

**Ages 4 and Up! Classes for Youth & Adults too!**

**Do UNO your spot for VBS. Dates are June 26 - June 30<sup>th</sup> There is a bulletin board outside the Children’s Dept. Make sure to sign up.**

**Transitional Pastor –**

**Church & Financial Secretary – Karen Sepulvado**

**Church Secretary – Phyllis Horton**



## May 2023

Monthly Special Offering = Sabine Parish Gideons

Monthly Supplies Request = Many FBC Food Pantry

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 MHS Baccaulareate	4 National Day of Prayer	5 MHS Graduation	6 Toledo Bend Resort Min Children Fishing Event 3 – 15 yr old @ San Miguel Park, 8 - lunch  M-Jam – Tall Timbers
7 Gideon Speaker  Called Business Meeting – after AM Worship	8	9	10 Meal @ 5:45 PM Study & Prayer Mtg @ 6:15 PM	11 Adult Day at Clara Springs 10 – lunch (meet at church 8:45 AM)	12	13
14 Mother Day  Parent & Child Dedication – 10:30 AM Worship Service	15 In One Accord 7:30 AM	16	17 Meal @ 5:45 PM Study & Prayer Mtg @ 6:15 PM	18 Mission & Evang. Comm. – Many Teachers & School Bd Appreciation Day	19	20
21 Children's Min. Sunday  Finance Mtg – 5 PM Deacons Mtg – 6 PM	22 In One Accord 7:30 AM	23 WMLI Meeting @ 9:30 AM	24 Meal @ 5:45 PM Study & Prayer Mtg @ 6:15 PM Business Meeting @ 6:30	25	26 Fourth Friday Fish Fry @ Clara Springs 5 PM \$ 15	27
28 Memorial Day Picnic & Activities Burgers & H Dogs Games & Activities	29 Memorial Day Church Office Closed	30	31 Meal @ 5:45 PM Prayer Mtg @ 6:15 PM	NOTES:		

## May's Special Offerings

*Sabine Parish Gideons and  
FBC Food Pantry*

Your generosity to both of these are  
greatly appreciated.



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



1 Cally Lang-Killingsworth,  
Micah Crittenden  
2 Robert Dale Geoghagan  
8 Ann Tibbett  
10 Linda Sparks

15 Angela Brown  
18 Amanda LaFollette  
20 Coby Lang  
23 Jeff Morrow  
24 Lindsay Lockridge, Danny  
Warmack

25 Charles Mains  
28 Jimmy Bray  
29 Lana Roark Dauterive  
30 Trotter LaFollette

## Look Ahead at Upcoming Activities in June:

- Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> – XYZ Lunch Trip
- Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> – Finance and Deacons Meetings
- June 11 - 14 – Southern Baptist Convention in New Orleans
- Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup> – Father's Day
- Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> – Church Business Meeting
- Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> – Fourth Friday Fish Fry @ Clara Springs
- June 26 – 30 – Vacation Bible School