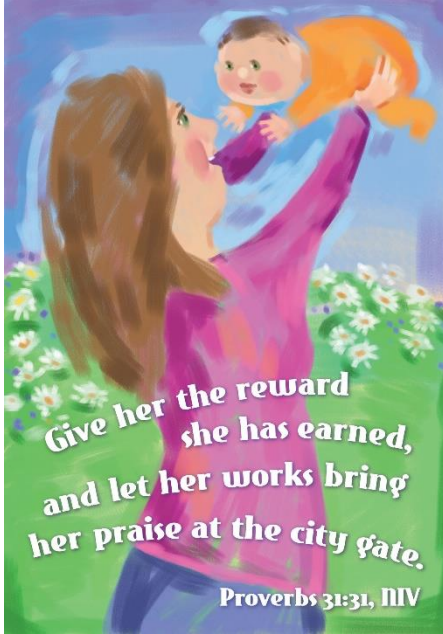


# *Welcome To First Baptist Church Many, Louisiana*



***May 12, 2024***

**Our Mission Statement:**

*Our purpose is to be a unified body seeking to reach up to God, out to people, and down within ourselves to expand God's Kingdom for God's glory.*

## **First Baptist Church**

### **Ministry Leaders**

Rev. Mark Robinson Interim Pastor

Mike Collier Music Leader

### **Worship Team**

Glenda Merriman	Pianist	Merrill Cummings	Organist
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Welcome & Announcements .....Bro. Mark Robinson

Call to Worship

*Holy, Holy, Holy*.....Hymn # 68

Prayer.....Deacon of the Week.....Mark Jordan

Mother’s Day Recognition

Luke’s Little Leaders

*This Is My Father’s World* .....Hymn #46

*Fairest Lord Jesus* .....Hymn #47

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness* .....Hymn #96

Special Music .....Men’s Choir

Message.....Bro. Mark Robinson

Invitation.....*Wherever He Leads I’ll Go*.....Hymn #437

Benediction.....Special Reading

*Flowers for today’s service are placed by the Rex & Cindy Wright family in loving memory of Mrs. Dovie Tarver.*

**Birthdays:** Amanda LaFollette (18).

### 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).
- Come by the church office during office hours.
- Log on to [www.fbcmany.org/giving](http://www.fbcmany.org/giving) or Text FBCMANY to 73256.

<i>May Offering: Gideon’s Offering</i>	
<i>Our Church Goal:</i>	\$ 2,000.00
<i>Offerings Received:</i>	\$ 0.00
<i>Amount short of goal:</i>	\$ 2,000.00

### May Special Offering’s

*Gideon Offering & FBC Food Pantry*  
Your support is greatly appreciated

<b><u>Members in Service :</u></b>		
	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Deacon of the Week</b>
5/12	<i>Kathy and Danny Warmack</i>	Mark Jordan
5/19	<i>Dorothy Alford, Shirley Salley</i>	Danny Warmack

## *Activities This Week*

Today	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service & Livestream
	11:00 a.m.	KWLV (107.1 FM) radio
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Meal
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Meeting & Bible Study
Next Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service & Live Stream
	11:00 a.m.	KWLV (107.1 FM) radio
	5:00 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting

### *Prayer Concerns:*

Dorothy Alford, Merilyn Booker,  
Merrill & Linda Cummings, Dub Gentry, Marsha Gentry,  
Becky Horner, Ginger Jordan, Terry Kelly, Sr.,  
Kristi Leach, Margaret Leach, Claudine Mizell,  
Eddie Moore, Jeff Morrow, Rev. Claude Weatherford,  
Suzanne Worsham, and Mary Jo Wright  
The Jason DeWitt family

## **Vital Statistics**

Financial May 2024		Attendance		
		Date	Sun. School	Worship
Monthly Budget Needs:	\$26,100.97	5/5	38	56
Gifts Received to date:	\$ 2,344.00	512		
Budget Needs Remaining:	\$23,756.97	5/19		
		5/26		

### Wednesday Night Meal Menu for May 15<sup>th</sup>

Pizza, Green Salad, and Dessert.

Cost of Meal is \$3 per person max of \$15 per family.

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 



*We have open dates for Flowers for the  
Sanctuary on May 26<sup>th</sup> and June 9<sup>th</sup>.  
Please contact the church office so we  
can schedule you for a date. The flowers  
that are placed in the sanctuary add so much beauty  
to our worship experience.*

## Missions and Evangelism Needs Help

The Missions and Evangelism Committee needs help. They are providing donuts to the Many schools personnel and school board office on Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. If you can help contact Mary Gore at 318-452-9731.

### Finance Committee Meeting

**Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> @ 5 p.m.**

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

### Church Business Meeting

**Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**@ 6 p.m.**

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

### *Gideon Speaker on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>*

#### *Offering for Gideons to be Collected*

*We will welcome John Sandel as our Gideon Speaker on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Our special offering emphasis for May will be collected for the Sabine Parish Gideons. You can give any Sunday during May or by giving at the conclusion of the service on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Pray about your part in supporting the Gideons and their mission of placing the Holy Word in the hands of those who need it.*

Operation Christmas Child needs your help. They are doing a special project and need bottle cap lids from soda and water bottles. They need blue, clear, and white lids. So if you could make a point and collect these, it would be much appreciated. They can be turned into the church office or to Kathy Warmack.

We Need  
Your



### WMU Meeting

**On Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> @ 9:30 AM**

Ladies interested in learning about and participating in various mission projects are encouraged to attend. See Shirley Salley for more details.



## **Announcement from the Church Office**

Just a reminder, the Church Office will be closed for the next several Monday afternoons. This will allow the office staff to do some records work, cleaning, and maintenance with minimal interruptions. If it is an emergency, of course we will be there to take care of that. Thank you for your help and understanding about the office closure.



## **Dates for VBS have changed!!**

**Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> & Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup>  
5 – 8 p.m.**

**Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

**Please mark this on your calendar. If you can help with VBS, please contact Ginger Jordan. Please be in prayer for our VBS, praying for the children and workers, and that we will spread God's message to the children.**

We will have grilled hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixings for those items. You can bring side dishes, chips, dips, and desserts. Please **sign up** by May 19<sup>th</sup> so we can prepare adequately. There will be games set up outside for fun and fellowship. Plenty of fun for young and old to participate in. Invite family and friends to come join in the festivities.

A poster for a church picnic. The poster has a blue border. At the top left, the word "CHURCH" is written in white on a red background. Below it is a stack of food items: a hot dog on a bun, a slice of watermelon, a corn on the cob, a hamburger, and another hot dog on a bun. At the bottom left, the word "PICNIC" is written in white on a red background. To the right of the food stack, the text "Join Us!" is written in large, blue, bold letters. Below that, "Sunday, May 26" is written in blue, followed by "after Worship Service" in smaller blue text. To the right of this text is a small American flag icon. Below the date, the text "Burgers, Hot Dogs &amp; the fixings!" is written in green. Below that, "Fellowship!" is written in blue, followed by "Fun &amp; Games for everyone!" in smaller blue text. To the right of this text is a red rounded rectangle with a white border containing the text "Bring family &amp; friends!" in blue. At the bottom left, there is another small American flag icon. At the bottom right, the text "Please RSVP &amp; Sign up for side dishes with the church office." is written in blue.

*Charles Mains will be going to Deacon Emeritus. We will recognize him on Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> during the Morning Worship Service. Please attend as we show our appreciation for his many years of serving as a Deacon.*

# *Sermon Notes:*

Church Family,

## **God's delays are worth the wait**

Jesus heard his friend Lazarus was sick, but rather than rushing to the bedside of his dear friend, he tarried two extra days. Unlike most of us, Jesus was concerned with the rhythm of heaven, not the rhythm of the rat race. By the time he arrived in Bethany, Lazarus was already dead. Lazarus's sisters, Martha and Mary, had asked Jesus for help, trusting that if anyone could rescue their brother from the disease that plagued him, it was Jesus. But He didn't answer on their timetable. Certainly, Jesus could have traveled to Bethany as soon as He heard the news and could have healed Lazarus from his illness.

But Jesus delayed to bring a greater miracle-raising Lazarus from the dead. There may be times when it seems God is silent. You may wonder why He's left you in your current situation. You may even begin to doubt His concern for you. But remember; "Your Father knows the things you need before you ask him" (Matt. 6:8) and He "is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think" (Eph.3:20). He is also working for your good (Rom.8:28). So in the waiting, remember that just as He did for Lazarus, He may be bringing you a greater miracle when all is said and done.

*Father, thank you for your answers to prayers. Help me to trust that your timing is always right.*

Please continue to pray for the Pastor Search Committee, the pastor God has out there somewhere for our church and that we will find him in God's time.

Pastor Search Committee