Welcome To First Baptist Church Many, Louisiana

Blessed be the

God and Father

of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who has blessed us in Christ

with every spiritual blessing

in the heavenly places ...

July 14, 2024

ESIANS 1:3, NRSV

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	
Call to Worship	
You Are My All in All	Hymn # 143
Let's Just Praise the Lord	Hymn # 145
Amazing Grace	Hymn # 104
Prayer Deacon of the Week	Paul Morris
Are You Washed in the Blood	Hymn # 229
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling	Hymn # 172
At Calvary	Hymn # 245
Shout to the Lord	Hymn # 133
SermonRev	. Stephen Craver
InvitationAs the Deer	Hymn # 554
BenedictionTake the Name of Jesus	Hymn # 313

<u>Birthdays:</u> Susette Housel, Letishia Miers (17), Jarrod Leach (19) and Bo Campbell (20).

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 <u>www.fbcmany.org/giving</u> or Text FBCMANY to 73256.

June L July Offering: Back to School Rally Offering				
Our Church Goal:	\$	500.00		
Offerings Received:	\$	465.00		
,Amount short of goal :	\$	35.00		

July Special Offering's

Back to School Rally and School Supplies for Back to School Rally. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Members in Service :			
	Greeters	Deacon of the Week	
7/14	Kathy & Danny Warmack	Paul Morris	
7/21	Phyllis Horton & Shirley Salley	Don Burkett	

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	
	4:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting	
	5:00 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting	
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Meal	
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Meeting & Bible Study	
	6:00 p.m.	Business Meeting	
Next Sun.	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service & Live Stream	
	11:00 a.m.	KWLV (107.1 FM) radio	

Prayer Concerns:

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

Vital Statistics							
Financial	Attendance						
July 2024	Date	Sun. School	Worship				
Monthly Budget Needs:	\$ 26,100.97	7/7	34	41			
Gifts Received to date:	\$ 4,424.00	7/14					
Budget Needs	\$21,676.97	7/21					
Remaining:	φ21,070.97	7/28					

Wednesday Night Meal Menu for July 17th

Pot Luck ** Please bring a Main Dish, Side, or Dessert. No Charge.



Note: If you plan to eat with us, **RSVP to the Church Office by Tuesday at noon**. Call 256-5655 or email <u>fbcmany@bellsouth.net</u>

Watch our Sunday Morning Worship Services live on our Facebook page. If you cannot join us in person, please use this way to worship with us each week.

** Finance Committee Meeting ** Today @ 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 COUNCIL MEETING TODAY @ 4 PM

Today is our Church Council meeting it is important that all church leaders and committee chairperson attend the council meeting. We will be planning activities and events to put on the church calendar for the remainder of 2024 and upcoming 2025.

Business Meeting on Wednesday, July 17th @ 6:00 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.





The Back to School Rally is set for Saturday, July 27th 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Many Elementary School. This is for students PreK through 12th Grade. Children must be accompanied by a parent / guardian and must be present to receive school supplies.

College Scholarship Applications

It is time to apply for the church scholarships. The Bray Memorial Scholarship and the Britt Memorial Scholarship applications can be obtained from the church office. The applications and transcripts will need to be returned to the church by Friday, August 2^{nd} . To get more details, contact the church office.

July 2024 Events

Wednesday, 7/17 @ 6 PM – Business Meeting Saturday, 7/27 @ 9 -12 PM – Back to School Rally

Mid -Year Contribution Statements

Mid-Year contribution statements will be ready in the next couple of weeks. This will let you know where you are on your financial gifts to the church so far in 2024. When you receive your statement, please look it over carefully and let us know if you have any question or if there is an error. We appreciate your financial support of the ministry of FBC.

We have several dates open for flowers for the Sanctuary. Some of the openings include August 11th and August 18th. Please contact the church office so we can schedule you for a date.



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 collect these, it would be much appreciated. They can be turned into the church office or to Kathy Warmack.



Ladies! Looking for a Christian book club? Come join us at Many First Baptist Church. Everyone is welcome. Right now, we are

planning to meet the first Thursday each month. The next book we will discuss is "A Life
Intercepted" by Charles Martin. Get your book at your favorite bookstore or the library and come ready to discuss at meeting on August 1st at 2 PM.
(We will NOT meet in July). For more information, please contact the FBC office at 256-5655 or fbcmany@bellsouth.net. Invite a friend or two and come join us August 1st.

Sermon Notes:

Notes from Pastor Search Committee:

Church Family,

The last few months, your Pastor Search committee has worked hard, going through resumes, talking with pastors, and most importantly praying with each other as a committee to find the pastor the Lord has guided us to. We have had good leads, then doors close, and we start again, all while we are spending time in the word and prayer. I have been asked several times how things are going and are there certain things we can pray for the committee and as I was preparing this column. A few things came across my mind and I thought I would share it with you for when you were praying for the committee. Pray these following things for us:

Guidance: Ask for guidance and direction for us, the committee to choose a faithful and upright pastor that will love the people of our church and be ready to equip the church for its ministries and growth.

Unity: Ask for strong unity and wellness of spirit within the committee so that we can continue to work together in a way that shows and demonstrates love and honors input among the committee.

Discernment: Pray that the committee will conduct our roles with wisdom and strength, and ask God to give us the wisdom and courage to follow through and not stray away from his guidance.

Focus: Pray the committee was set aside distractions, and issues and focus on what is important and seeking the pastor that the Lord has chosen for our church and our church family. Pray we should be able to quickly identify the pastors that aren't a good fit and focus on the one that will find to fill the role and guide us.

Protection: Pray the committee will be protected from unnecessary and unfair criticism from inpatient church members.

Next Pastor: And most importantly, pray for the next pastor. Asking God to give him the strength to leave his current ministry, to pack up his family, and move to a new church, new town, and new church family members that he will feel the love and reassurance and most importantly, the guidance that the Lord is laying upon him.

Then lastly, continue to pray for each of us on the committee, not only us but our families. It's not an easy task and at times we feel like we fail and may we not get down but continue to feel your blessings and prayer and reassurance and guidance that we are doing the work that you the church has laid upon us by choosing us to be your committee. Thank you for being a loving, praying and caring church.

Pastor Search Committee