# Welcome To First Baptist Church Many, Louisiana



## August 25, 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

#### Call to Worship

He Lives	Hymn # 269
Prayer Deacon of the Week	Paul Morris
Luke's Little Leaders	
Love Is the Theme	Hymn # 106
Oh, How He Loves You and Me	
Love Lifted Me	
Shout to the Lord	Hymn # 133
SermonB	ro. Mark Robinson
Invitation Grace Greater than	
Our Sin	
BenedictionStanding on the	Hymn # 339
Promises	

<u>Birthdays for this Week:</u> Ginger Jordan (29), Shirley Salley (30), and Cathy Collier (31).

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.

August Offering: Dist. Eight LSabine Dis. Relief Offering			
Our Church Goal:	\$	500.00	
Offerings Received:	\$	75.00	
,Amount of goal remaining:	\$	425.00	

August's Special Offering's
District Eight & Sabine
Assoc. Disaster Relief
(Goal \$ 500) and
La. Children's Home
Fall Food Roundup
Your support is greatly
appreciated.

	<u>Members in Service :</u>			
	Greeters	Deacon of the Week		
8/25	Delores Geoghagan, Shirley Salley, and Rocky Wright	Paul Morris		
9/1	Cathy Kelly, Nancy Wright	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	
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Meal	
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Meeting & Bible Study	
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, Dub & Catherine Gentry, Marsha Gentry, Becky Horner, Ginger Jordan, Terry Kelly, Sr., Jarrod & Kristi Leach, Margaret Leach, Claudine Mizell, Eddie Moore, Jeff Morrow, Rev. Claude Weatherford, Suzanne Worsham, and Mary Jo Wright

Vital Statistics					
Financial		Attendance			
August 2024		Date	Sun. School	Worship	
Monthly Budget Needs:	\$ 26,100.97	8/4	41	48	
Gifts Received to date:	\$ 24,458.00	8/11	34	47	
Budget Needs	¢ 4.040.07	8/18	36	47	
Remaining:	\$ 1,642.97	8/25			

#### Wednesday Night Meal Menu for August 28th

Pizza, Salad, and Dessert.

(We need a few people to bring a 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 <a href="mailto:fbcmany@bellsouth.net">fbcmany@bellsouth.net</a>

#### 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 church office during the week.
- Log on to <u>www.fbcmany.org/giving</u> or text FBCMANY to 73256.



**Promotion Sunday** is Today! This will be for Nursery through youth. Those promoting will be moved on the rolls. Also if any adults who at this time would like to change Sunday

school class, contact the church office so we can make that change on the rolls. The new Church Year begins on September 1<sup>st</sup> so let's start the year off with renewal, commitment, and outreach as our focus. Ask others to come back to or join our Sunday School for a great time of learning and fellowship. Let's all make every effort to be more faithful in attending Sunday School for the 2024–2025 church year.

# FUNDRAISER LUNCH FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOXES TODAY AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE

Make plans to join us for this fundraiser for Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes. The funds raised will be used to purchase items to fill boxes as well as help with shipping cost for these boxes and this will probably be our last fundraiser before boxes are finalized and packed in November. The menu will be Chicken Spaghetti, green beans, and bread. There is no set price, just make a donation. You can get your plate to go or stay and enjoy a great time of food and fellowship. Thanks for your continued support of OCC Shoe Boxes.



#### **Fall Food Round Up**

It's time for the annual Children's Home Fall Food Roundup. The home will be here to pick up the food on Monday, September 9th. A box is placed by the church office and upstairs. List of suggested items will be placed throughout the church and on page 2 of the August

newsletter. The Children's Home is also accepting monetary donations. You can turn in your donation to the church office but please make checks payable to the La. Children's Home. Please be generous.

#### The Church Office will be closed on Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> for Labor Day.

We have the following dates open for Sanctuary Flowers: September 1, September 8, and September 29. Please call the church office as soon as possible so that we can mark your reservation on the calendar.

#### Grateful Hearts Book Club

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 "Alaska Twilight" by Coleen Cable. Get your book at your favorite bookstore or the library and come ready to discuss it at meeting on Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup> @ 2 PM. For more info, contact the FBC office at 256-5655.

#### September Schedule

Sunday, 9/ 15 – Back to Church Sunday Sunday, 9/ 15 @ 5 PM – Finance & Budget Committee Tuesday, 9/17 @ 9:30 AM- WMU Meeting Wednesday, 9/18 @ 6:00 PM - Business Meeting

The Georgia Barnette State Missions Offering starts soon.

The week of prayer is be September 8 - 15 and prayer guides will be available. Our church goal is \$3,500.

Special offering envelopes will be available in the pews.

Pray for the lost in our state and the missionaries.

The phone lines are down at the church. Apparently, a semitruck came down Magnolia Ave and snagged our phone lines. The phone company CAN NOT give us an estimated time that the lines will be repaired and back in operation. In the meantime, all calls to the church office will be automatically forwarded to a church staff member's cellphone. If you have any information that can be relayed via email, please email to: <a href="mailto:fbcmany@yahoo.com">fbcmany@yahoo.com</a>. We apologize for an inconvenience and ask for your understanding during this time. We will update you as soon as we receive any updates. Thanks for your consideration and cooperation.



#### Notes from Pastor Search Committee:

Church Family,

Grace and peace to all in the name of Jesus our Savoir!

(17) And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night (36) Throughout all their journeys, whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out. (37) But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out till the day that it was taken up. Exodus 13:17, 40:36-37 (ESV)

God led the nation of Israel through the wilderness and away from captivity by a pillar of cloud and pillar of fire. For forty years His guiding presence of pillars, that was the real phenomenon and miracle, never left them. The pillar of cloud would, I think, have been enough to astound most anyone. But God also provided "light", in the pillar of fire, so they were comforted and led in darkness on an unknown journey through an unknown land. Is this not a picture and foreshadow of what the Father provided for us all through His son, Jesus of Nazareth? In 1st John 1:5 (ESV) we read; this is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. Our Creator provides everything through His guidance and Light. If we just accept, follow, and obey! Jesus, the Light that comforts and leads us away from the captivity and bondage of sin is life eternal to "whosoever believes"

The Israelites were not to move while God's presence was settled on the tent of meeting and were to set out when the cloud was taken up. Do we as Christ followers strive daily to know the Father's will for us? When we should set out and when we should not? When we should act and when we should be quite and listen for His still small voice?

To date, we have received, reviewed, and examined over fifty resumes' from candidates who say they are men of God. One of the first questions we want a truthful answer to is, "What evidence is there that they are led by and are following the presence of the Lord?" Disappointingly, there are many who are not and they appear to set out where God's word does not lead. So far, we have unanimously been convicted to extend a call to three men. Their answer, and if we all are listening to the still small voice of God, has been no. Not that no is bad, no from God could be - don't set out until His cloud is taken up. In other words, we want to be absolutely in His will, in His timing, while in search of His man! Thank you for your continued prayers.

Pastor Search Committee