

*Welcome To
First Baptist Church
Many, Louisiana*



September 22, 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

Georgia Barnette State Mission Offering Video

Call to Worship

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| <i>My Country, 'Tis of Thee</i> | Hymn # 646 |
| Prayer | Deacon of the Week Danny Warmack |
| POW/MIA Day Recognition | Rocky Wright |
| <i>America, the Beautiful</i> | Hymn # 641 |
| <i>His Eye Is on the Sparrow</i> | Hymn # 93 |
| Special Music | Tiffeni Campbell |
| Sermon | Bro. Mark Robinson |
| Invitation | <i>Breathe On Me</i> Hymn # 332 |
| Benediction..... | <i>Because He Lives</i> Hymn # 393 |

Today's flowers and POW/MIA flags are placed in recognition of the soldiers who are still classified as POW/MIA from WW I until the present. They are not forgotten.

Birthdays for this Week: Scott Lites, Kalei Alford (23), and Charles Richey (25).

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.

| <i>September Offerings: Georgia Barnette Offering:</i> | |
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| <i>Our Church Goal:</i> | <i>\$ 3,500.00</i> |
| <i>Offerings Received:</i> | <i>\$ 400.00</i> |
| <i>Goal Remaining:</i> | <i>\$ 3,100.00</i> |

September Special Offering's
*Georgia Barnette Mission
(Goal \$ 3,500)
and Nursing Home Store
Your support is greatly
appreciated.*

| Members in Service : | | |
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| | Greeters | Deacon of the Week |
| 9/22 | <i>Delores Geoghagan, Shirley Salley, and Rocky Wright</i> | Danny Warmack |
| 9/29 | <i>Phyllis Horton, Gary and Ramona Moore</i> | Mike Collier |

Activities This Week

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| 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 September 2024 | | Attendance | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|------------|-------------|---------|
| | | Date | Sun. School | Worship |
| Monthly Budget Needs: | \$ 26,100.97 | 9/1 | 37 | 46 |
| Gifts Received to date: | \$ 13,553.01 | 9/8 | 27 | 37 |
| Budget Needs Remaining: | \$ 12,547.96 | 9/15 | 36 | 40 |
| | | 9/22 | | |
| | | 9/29 | | |

Wednesday Night Meal Menu for Sept. 25th

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

Remember
to 

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

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 or Text FBCMANY to 73256.



**Georgia Barnette
State Missions Offering
Church Goal = \$ 3,500
Received = \$ 400**

The Georgia Barnette State Missions Offering is ongoing, however we only have a couple of weeks left. Our church goal is \$3,500 so please be generous in your support. Special offering envelopes are available in the pews. Pray for the lost in our state and the missionaries.

**Properties Committee Meeting
Monday, September 23rd @ 1 p.m.**

There is a very important meeting of the Properties Committee tomorrow at 1 p.m. It is essential that all committee members attend.

**Sabine Baptist Association Annual Meeting
Little Flock BC on Monday, September 30th**

Church members are encouraged to attend this meeting. At the Association meeting, a meal will be served at 6:00 PM and the meeting will follow. If you would still like to attend, but weren't elected as Messenger contact the Church office and we can add you. Come be a part and get the reports of what is happening and works in our association.

Grateful Hearts Book Club

Ladies! Looking for a Christian book club? Come join us at Many First Baptist Church. Everyone is welcome and invite a friend to join us. We meet the first Thursday each month. The next book we will discuss is "Land of Silence" by Tessa Afshar. Get your book at your favorite bookstore or the library and come ready to discuss on Thursday, October 3rd @ 2 PM. For more information, contact the FBC office at 256-5655.



Don't forget to support our annual drive for items needed for the Nursing Home Christmas Store. Lists of suggested items are located throughout the church and in the September Newsletter. A box to place your donated items is located by the church office. Thank you for your sign of love for the local nursing home residents.



Our Church to participate in Town of Many Trick or Treat Thursday, Oct. 31 3 – 5 p.m. Candy Donations are Needed

We will pass out candy and tracts to the kids on Thursday, October 31st as part of the Town of Many Trick or Treat. We will also need help in putting together candy bags. We need bags of individually wrapped candy and goodies for 1,100+ bags. There is a box placed in the hallway opposite the church office. No hard candy (jaw-breakers, etc) or suckers (anything with a stick) please since they are a hazard for small children. If you would prefer you can make a monetary donation, just make the check payable to First Baptist Church. The deadline for donations will be October 1st.

Fourth Friday Fish Fry at Clara Springs September 27th @ 5:00 PM

Come enjoy a great time of fellowship at the Fourth Friday Fish Fry. During this time you can meet fellow believers in Christ from ALL over Louisiana, tour the camp grounds, and even visit the Gift Shop.
Cost: \$15 All You Can Eat.

Looking for Voices for Christmas Music

Mike Collier is leading us in a Christmas Musical this year. This is set for the evening of Sunday, December 15th. We need your voice to join us and bring a joyful noise unto the Lord. Ask a friend or two to join you and participate. Rehearsals are following the Wednesday evening activities. See Mike Collier for more details.

Looking Ahead to October Important Dates:

- 10/1/2024 – Budget & Finance Committee Meeting @ 6 PM**
- 10/13/2024 – Church Council Meeting @ 4 p.m.**
- 10/13/2024 – Finance Comm. Meeting @ 5 p.m.**
- 10/15/2024 – WMU Meeting @ 9:30 a.m.**
- 10/16/2024- Business Meeting @ 6 p.m.**
- 10/19/2024 – Town Fall Festival**
- 10/31/2024 – Town of Many Trick or Treat**

This week, church members will be receiving a letter concerning an upcoming Deacon Election process for our church. Please be on the lookout for this communication. Also, if you have any questions on this or if you did not receive the letter, please contact the church office.

Sermon Notes:

Notes from Pastor Search Committee:

Church Family,

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

For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." Romans 4:3 (ESV)

Abraham believed God! The Bible proves over and over that God is Truth. Just as Adam and Eve fell prey to false truth, a lie just separates us from our Creator.

According to Webster, truth is defined as "that which is in accordance with fact or reality". In today's communication-soaked world, "truths" are shouted at us from all different directions. This social media crazed society tells us "live your own truth". Regardless of fact or reality, we all have the choice to believe or not to believe. But we have to want to know the Truth, right? Fact is, if everything is true then nothing is true.

In Jack Nicholson's movie "A Few Good Men", his script reads "You can't handle the truth". Question is, what good is it to ignore the Truth? None – and it could cost my eternal life!

Jesus said *"If you are [truly] Abraham's children, then do the works of Abraham and follow his example. But as it is, you want to kill Me, a Man who has told you the truth, which I heard from God. This is not the way Abraham acted. John 8:39-40 (AMP)*

Please continue to pray for the Holy Spirit's wisdom and discernment as we search for the shepherd God has for this body of believers. That we have clarity in knowing he is a true man of God.

Pastor Search Committee