

*Welcome To
First Baptist Church
Many, Louisiana*



October 20, 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

Choral Call to Worship

Serve the Lord with Gladness.....Hymn # 382

Prayer Deacon of the Week Phillip Roark

Make Me a Channel of Blessing.....Hymn # 375

So Send I YouHymn # 362

SermonRev. Steven Carver

Invitation *Wherever He Leads I'll Go*Hymn # 437

Benediction...*What a Mighty God We Serve*...Hymn # 387

Today's flowers are given by Charles & Verda Mains in loving memory of Marguerite Wright.

Birthdays for this Week: George Joe Boyens (20), Luke Brant, Hannah Campbell (22) and Cameron Cummings (25).

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.

<i>October Offerings:</i>	
<i>Taylor House Offering:</i>	
<i>Our Church Goal:</i>	\$ 500.00
<i>Offerings Received:</i>	\$ 100.00
<i>Goal Remaining:</i>	\$ 400.00

October Special Offering's
Taylor House
 (Goal \$500)
 and Operation Christmas
 Child Shoe Boxes.
 Your support is greatly appreciated.

Members in Service :		
	Greeters	Deacon of the Week
10/20	Phyllis Horton and Shirley Salley	Phillip Roark
10/27	Delores Geoghagan, Shirley Salley, and Rocky Wright	Mark Jordan

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, Pat Wiggins,
 Suzanne Worsham, and Mary Jo Wright

Vital Statistics

Financial		Attendance		
October 2024		Date	Sun. School	Worship
Monthly Budget Needs:	\$ 26,100.97	10/6	36	48
Gifts Received to date:	\$ 12,785.00	10/13	36	50
Budget Needs Remaining:	\$ 13,315.97	10/20		
		10/27		

Wednesday Night Meal Menu for Oct.23rd

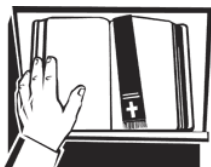
Pot Luck ** Please bring a Main Dish, Side, or Dessert.
 No Charge.



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



A red Living Bible and Adult Sunday School Book was left at the back of the Sanctuary last Sundy. There was no name in the Bible . If you think this is yours please contact the Church Office at 256-5655 or see Phyllis today.



GUEST PREACHER

Rev. Steven Carver In the Pulpit Today

In the absence of Bro. Mark Robinson, we are pleased to welcome Rev. Steven Carver to be with us today. Rev. Carver has been with us before and we always look forward to having him in our pulpit. Please pray for him and the message he is sharing today.

Our Church to Participate in Town of Many Trick or Treat Thursday, October 31st from 3 – 5 PM.

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 need your help! Candy has already been purchased. If you would like to contribute towards the expense turn your money into the church office this week. We also need volunteers to help bag candy on Tuesday, October 22nd.

October is our focus on Operation Christmas Child. Boxes are available in the Sanctuary and you are asked to take a box or two or more and fill them to be used by Samaritans Purse to be distributed around the world as they share about Christ. If you would like to make a monetary donations, we can accept those as well. Boxes will need to be returned by Sunday, November 10th. Shoe Box Packing Party Nov. 14th after AM Worship Service. More details will be in the upcoming Sunday bulletins and newsletter.



Grateful Hearts Book Club

Ladies! Looking for a Christian book club? Come join us at Many First Baptist Church. Everyone is welcome. The group meets the first Thursday each month. The next book we will discuss is "The Prayer Box" by Lisa Wingate. Get your book at your favorite bookstore or the library and come ready to discuss it at meeting on Thursday, November 7th @ 2 PM. Bring a friend. For more information, contact the FBC office at 256-5655.



**Fourth Friday Fish Fry at Clara Springs
October 25th @ 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.



**Tailgating at MHS Football
Friday, Nov. 8, 2024**

Many FBC is teaming up with Siloam Baptist Church to participate in tailgating at the MHS home Football games. November 8th will be our tailgate for the season. We will have Frito Pie. Bring a chair and come join us. This is a great way for our church to do tailgating, food, outreach, and Christian fellowship. Our spot is near the field house, and facing the field. Make plans to be there at 5 p.m. on the 8th.

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. It is still not too late to come join us. We need all available voices 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.

Come join us on Wednesday Evening for a good time of Christian Fellowship and food.

We start each week at 5:30 p.m. with a delicious potluck meal followed by prayer meeting and Bible study @ 6 p.m. We encourage all our members to join us and invite someone to come with you.

We also have classes for children and youth.



Recently, you may have noticed that an "Offering Box" has been placed on the table in the back of the Sanctuary. Since we are not "passing the plate" during the worship service, we had been asking that you place your tithes and offering in the offering plates by the Sanctuary entrances. The past couple of weeks we have been trying out the offering box so that you can place your financial support in it so that it will be more secure and for more privacy. Two more boxes have been ordered and will be placed this coming week. We thank you for your faithful financial giving to the church and her ministry.

Sermon Notes:

Notes from the Pastor Search Committee:

Church Family,

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

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Galatians 5:16-18 (ESV)

Paul is conveying to the reader that as Christians, ones who have been 'born again' with a new in-Christ spiritual nature that is pleasing to God, we are in constant conflict with the desires and wants of the old Adamic fleshly nature and our new eternal Christ-like spiritual nature. The works of the flesh are apparent as Paul describes further in his letter, but as we mature in our "walk by the Spirit" it becomes clearer that every facet and decision of our lives should be in line with the Spirit of Christ. Not our motivations based on man's wants and desires, but rather, what, where, and how is the Spirit leading us in our everyday life? A once noted descriptive interpretation of being 'Spirit lead' reads: "The Spirit is not a leader like the pace car in the "Daytona 500." He is a leader like a locomotive on a train. We do not follow in our strength. We are led by His power. So "walk by the Spirit" means stay hooked up to the divine source of power and go wherever He leads."

God could have chosen to remove the old sinful Adamic nature the moment we trusted Christ as Savior, but likely He chose to allow the two natures to co-exist within our earthly body so as to remind us of our human frailty and ensure that we maintain a surrendered dependence upon Him in all things.

Please continue to pray that we remain totally dependent on the Holy Spirit's wisdom, discernment, and leadership as we search for the shepherd God has for this body of believers.

Pastor Search Committee