# Welcome To **First Baptist Church**Many, Louisiana



#### November 24, 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

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Come, Ye Thankful People Come
Give Thanks
Thank You, Lord
Prayer Deacon of the Week Don Burkett
Count Your Blessings
We Gather TogetherHymn # 637
<i>My Tribute</i> Hymn # 577
MessageBro. Mark Robinson
InvitationSpeak to My Heart
PostludeBecause He LivesChorus

#### Birthdays for this Week: Merrill Cummings (26).

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.

November's Offering:
Operation Christmas Child
Offerings Received: \$ 200.00

November Special Offerings
Nursing Home Christmas Store
Your support is greatly
appreciated.

#### Ways to Give Your Tithes & Offerings

- Place in offering box 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.

Members in Service :				
Greeters		Deacon of the Week		
11/24	Delores Geoghagan, Shirley Salley, and Rocky Wright	Don Burkett		
12/1	Cathy Kelly, Nancy Wright	Phillip Roark		

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		No Services		
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						
November 2024		Date	Sun. School	Worship				
Monthly Budget Needs:	\$ 26,100.97	11/3	30	48				
Gifts Received to date:	\$ 16,135.00	11/10	36	45				
Budget Needs	\$ 9,965.97	11/17	41	38				
Remaining:	\$ 9,965.97	11/24						

#### Deacon's Meeting Monday, Nov. 25th @ 6 p.m. All Deacons are urged to attend this important

meeting. If you have questions or can't attend please contact the church office or Paul Morris.



#### Proposed 2025 Budget Vote immediately after AM Worship The Proposed 2025 Budget was discussed Wednesday Evening at the Church Business Meeting. Church Members only will vote on the proposed budget without discussion

immediately following AM Worship Service today.

#### No Activites & Studies this week

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday this week, we will not have our Wednesday Night meal or activities. We will resume Wednesday night meal and activities the following week.



We are so pleased to announce that Jimmy Bray has been selected by our church to be ordained a Deacon. Please make plans to join us for Morning Worship Service on

Sunday, December 1st to be a part of the Ordination Service as well as our weekly time of worship. Lift up Jimmy and his family as well as all our Deacons and Bro. Mark in your daily prayers.

#### Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving Thursday, Nov. 28th & Friday, Nov. 29th

Please use the Emergency Contact Numbers listed on page 4 of the November Newsletter if you need to get in touch with the staff during any office closure. The staff at Many First Baptist Church would like to wish everyone a happy and blessed Thanksgiving...

## Church Holiday Meal set for Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

After the Morning Worship Service on Sunday, December 8th, we will have our annual holiday meal. This will be a covered dish meal with the church providing ham, baked chicken, dressing, rolls, and drinks. You are asked to bring side dishes and desserts. Invite your family and friends to join us on this day for Sunday School, Worship, and great food. This is a wonderful time for Christian fellowship and for us as a church to enjoy a meal together.

#### Nursing Home Christmas Store Thursday, December 5th

Please support our area Nursing Home residents by contributing a gift or two for the Christmas Store. List of items are available on table by church office and on



the table by the back pews. There is a box to place items located outside the church office. The residents enjoy "shopping" for themselves or for loved ones with this annual store.

### Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes Turned in 184 Boxes

Our church did a wonderful job at preparing 184 boxes for Operation Christmas Child. We deeply appreciated everyone who prepared boxes or donated funds for us to prepare the boxes. Thanks again to everyone who participated.

#### Lottie Moon International Missions Offering Church Goal - \$6,000

Week of Prayer - December 1\* - December 10\*
Next Sunday, December 1\* begins the week of prayer and emphasis for the Lottie Moon International Missions Christmas Offering. Prayer guides will be placed in the bulletins next Sunday. Offering envelopes will also be available. For more information and resources go to <a href="https://www.imb.org">www.imb.org</a> Please do your part in supporting this mission by your prayers and giving financially.

The Lord's Supper Sunday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>
During Morning Worship Service, we encourage everyone
to join us for this special time of worship.



"The Celebration of Christmas" Christmas Music by Many FBC Choir Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6 p.m.

MUSIC Bro. Mike Collier and some of our talented voices have been hard at work on the Christmas Musical It is still not too late if you would like to join in. We practice every Wednesday night after prayer meeting. Come join us and let us lift our voices in giving praise to God.

<u>January Bible Study</u>
" Joshua - The Faithfulness of God"
Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> @ 6 p.m. Lead by Jack Bell.
More details to come.



\*Grateful Hearts Book Club- Important Date Change\* Ladies! Grateful Hearts Book Club will not meet in December due to December being such a busy month. The group will meet again on January 9, 2025 @ 2 p.m. The next book we will discuss is "The Nightingale" by Kristin Hannah. We encourage everyone to come and join us and bring a friend. For more information, contact the FBC office at 256-5655.

#### Sermon Notes:

#### Notes from the Pastor Search Committee:

Church Family,

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

Desire without knowledge is not good, and whoever makes haste with his feet misses his way. Proverbs 19:2 (ESV)

Every election cycle politicians tend to deafen us with promises of change. But change can be good or bad. We know we should change oil, light bulbs, and air filters. In the same sense, growth requires change. Many people, especially in today's society, believe we should change our morals, ethics, and beliefs to accommodate changes in culture. But should everything be open to change? God declares in Malachi 3:6 – "I, the Lord, never change". The writer in Hebrews 13:8 writes – Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Some people believe that God's Word must change or adapt to keep up with the times. However, Jesus strongly validates the Scriptures and calls them "truth" in John 17:17.

Change just to change can be perilous and have serious consequences. It depends on the direction the change takes you. We should always ask for guidance and have peace from the Holy Spirit that any changes in our lives are according to the infallible Word of God rather than any other influences.

Please continue to pray that we have a united peace beyond all doubt about the directions we take in completing our task and that it is according to His will and not anything else.

Pastor Search Committee