

*Welcome To
First Baptist Church
Many, Louisiana*



December 15, 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

Good Christian Men RejoiceHymn # 183

Invocation.....Deacon of the Week.....Danny Warmack

Lighting of Advent Candle.....The Roarks

Hark! The Herald Angels SingHymn # 192

The First NoelHymn # 180

MessageBro. Mark Robinson

Invitation.....*He Leadeth Me!*.....Hymn # 81

Invitation.....I Have Seen the Light.....Hymn # 211

Birthdays for this Week: Kimberly Horton (18) and Paige Alford (19).

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.

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 www.fbcmany.org/giving or Text FBCMANY to 73256.

<i>December's Offering: Lottie Moons Missions Offering</i>	
<i>Our Church Goal:</i>	\$6,000.00
<i>Offerings Received:</i>	\$ 350.00
<i>Amount Remaining of goal:</i>	\$5,650.00

<u>Members in Service :</u>		
	Greeters	Deacon of the Week
12/15	Phyllis Horton, Shirley Salley	Danny Warmack
12/22	Delores Geoghagan, Shirley Salley, and Rocky Wright	Mike Collier

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
	6:00 p.m.	Christmas Musical
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	WMU 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, 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		
December 2024		Date	Sun. School	Worship
Monthly Budget Needs:	\$ 26,100.97	12/1	41	48
Gifts Received to date:	\$ 16,153.38	12/8	38	
Budget Needs Remaining:	\$ 9,947.59	12/15		
		12/22		
		12/29		

Wednesday Night Meal Menu for Dec.18th

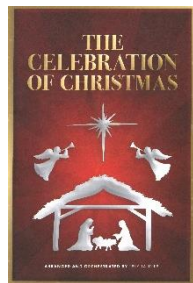
Pot Luck ** Please bring a Main Dish, Side, or Dessert.
 No Charge.



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

**Committee on Committees Meeting
 Today right after AM Worship Service**

“The Celebration of Christmas”
Christmas Music by Many FBC Choir
Tonight @ 6 p.m.



Bro. Mike Collier and some of our talented voices have been hard at work on the Christmas Musical for several months. We encourage you to attend this musical and invite family and friends. Nursery services will be provided. Refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall following the program.

****Update on Finance Committee Meeting****

Instead of our typical Finance Committee Meeting this evening, we are asking Finance Committee members to stop by the Sunday School Office this evening around 5:15 p.m. Karen will be set up in the Sunday School Office with the various reports and bills for you to review. Any questions on this, please contact Karen Sepulvado or Paul Morris.

WMU Meeting on Tuesday,
December 17th @ 9:30 AM

B U S I N E S S



M E E T I N G

Church Business Meeting

Wednesday, December 18th @ 6 p.m.

Church members need to attend this important Business Meeting on December 18th. Several important items are on the agenda including a recommendation from the Committee on Committees as well as other key business matters. Please make plans to attend the Business Meeting. Come be a part of the business matters and decisions of the church.

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR
CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR HOLIDAY
TUESDAY, DEC. 24 & WEDNESDAY,
DEC. 25, & WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1ST.**



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

Please continue to be in prayer and support the Lottie Moon International Missions Offering. By giving to Lottie Moon, our missionaries are able to spread the Word of God across the world. We have the prayer guides and offering envelopes available throughout the church. We only have a couple of Sunday's left in December to meet our goal. For more info and resources go to www.imb.org.



Grateful Hearts Book Club

January 9, 2025 @ 2 p.m.

Ladies! Looking for a Christian book club?

Come join us at Many First Baptist

Church. Everyone is welcome. We meet

the first Thursday of every 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

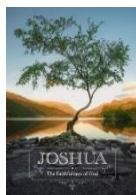
to come and join us and bring a friend. For more

January Bible Study

"Joshua - The Faithfulness of God"

Jan. 12th-15th @ 6 p.m. Bro. Jack Bell will lead the 4 session study @ Many FBC.

Study books are free to church members. If you would like to offset the cost of books they are \$9.



Ladies Winter Bible Study

"Ephesians"

Thursdays, @ 10 AM – 12 noon (Coffee @ 9:30 AM)

January 16 – February 27, 2025

Member Books - \$25.00 each

(Pre-Pay for Books if you want FBC to Order)

Sign- up Sheets available on the table outside the church office. For more information contact Ramona Moore or the church office.

Sermon Notes:

Notes from the Pastor Search Committee:

Church Family,

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

"I know your deeds and your toil, and your patient endurance, and that you cannot tolerate those who are evil, and have tested and critically appraised those who call themselves apostles (special messengers, personally chosen representatives, of Christ), and [in fact] are not, and have found them to be liars and impostors; and [I know that] you [who believe] are enduring patiently and are bearing up for My name's sake, and that you have not grown weary [of being faithful to the truth]. But I have this [charge] against you, that you have left your first love [you have lost the depth of love that you first had for Me]. Revelation 2:2-4 (AMP)

As we read the letters to the early churches, we must not forget they are messages from the Lord Jesus Christ. Warnings for disobedience yes, but we also see the love of the Chief Shepherd searching and calling back those before they stray too far. Here the Savior affirms the Ephesian's positive actions. They were a hard-working group of believers full of fortitude, gate-keepers of the truth, and showed patient endurance in bearing up under hardship. However, like the early church, as the world and our adversary creeps in focus on the love for Christ and reliance on how He perfectly meets all our needs gets blurred. Problems arise, things break, and we lose sight of who can fix it. Jesus is the source of all our strength. This time of year we are reminded of His birth. More importantly, may we re-focus on the essence of the source of our eternal salvation and search our hearts for the depth of love that we first had for Him!

As we all continue to pray for our church's next pastor may we also remind ourselves who our Chief Shepherd is and all the problems and needs of the church, and our lives, are met in Jesus Christ. He and He alone is the answer to our needs and the solution to our problems.

Pastor Search Committee