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Ministry Leaders			
Rev. Mark Robinson		Interim Pastor	
Worship Team			
Mike Collier		Music Director	
Glenda Merriman	Pianist	Merrill Cummings	Organist

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

*For a full list of Prayer Concerns, pick up the separate
 Prayer List from Prayer Meeting!*

Activities This Week	
Today:	10:30 a.m. AM Worship Service & Livestream 11:00 a.m. KWLV (107.1 FM) radio
Next Sunday:	9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. AM Worship Service & Livestream 11:00 a.m. KWLV (107.1) radio

Looking Ahead:

- Sunday, December 29th - Sunday School & Worship Service at regular times
- Wednesday, January 1st - Church Office closed for New Years
- Thursday, January 9th – Ladies Book Club @ 2 PM
- Sunday, January 19th – Church Council @ 4 PM & Finance Meeting @ 5 PM

*For details on these activities, refer to our Newsletter, web-site,
 or call church office.*

Vital Statistics				
Financial December 2024		Attendance		
		Date	Sun. School	Worship
Monthly Budget Needs:	\$26,100.97	12/1	41	48
Gifts Received to date:	22,8861.38	12/8	38	
Budget Needs Remaining:	\$ 3,239.59	12/15	37	40
		12/22		
		12/29		

Order of Worship
Sunday, December 22, 2024

Welcome & Announcements

Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions

Call to Worship

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day.....Hymn # 187

Invocation..... Deacon of the Week Mike Collier

Lighting of Fourth Advent Candle The Burketts

O Little Town of BethlehemHymn # 196

What Child Is ThisHymn # 198

O Holy Night!Hymn # 194

Sermon..... Rev. Mark Robinson

Invitation *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* ...Hymn # 176

Benediction.....*Emmanuel*Hymn # 201



Welcome to worship. Like Mary and Elizabeth, we share the anticipation of what God is birthing — through Jesus, and in all our lives always.

Birthdays: Rebecca Morris (25), and Delores Geoghagan (27).

Members in Service :		
	Greeters	Deacon of the Week
12/22	Delores Geoghagan, Shirley Salley, and Rocky Wright	Mike Collier
12/29	Phyllis Horton, Gary & Ramona Moore	Paul Morris

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).
- By text or online link on website.
- Come by the church office during office hours.

Sermon Notes:

Ladies Winter Bible Study

Ephesians begins on Thursday, January 16th at 10 AM – 12 noon
Contact Church Office or Ramona Moore for details!

Who am I? The question of identity is always in the back of our minds, and it's currently at the forefront of social conversations. But the first question we need to ask is: *Who is God?* Then we can begin to consider, *And who am I in light of who He is?* In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul describes God as a merciful and forgiving Father who unites us in Christ and empowers us to live by the Spirit. We're adopted children and fellow citizens with the saints because of God's loving pursuit on our behalf.

In this 7-session study, Bible teachers, authors, and friends Jackie Hill Perry, Jasmine Holmes, and Melissa Kruger walk through the book of Ephesians, examining the invaluable truths Paul's letter holds for us today. Along the way, they'll help us understand the riches of our inheritance as daughters of our heavenly Father, as well as what it means to walk in a manner worthy of our calling.

News from the Church Office

The Church Office will be closed several days for the holidays. If you need to get in touch with the staff during office closures, please refer to the Emergency Contact List. Save it for future use.

Emergency Contact Numbers

First Baptist Church of Many
Church Office = (318)256-5655

M – F 8 AM – 4 PM & closed 1 hr. for lunch

AFTER HOURS CONTACTS:

Phyllis Horton = (318) 602-5062

Karen Sepulvado = (318)508-1138

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM YOUR CHURCH STAFF!

Puzzle!

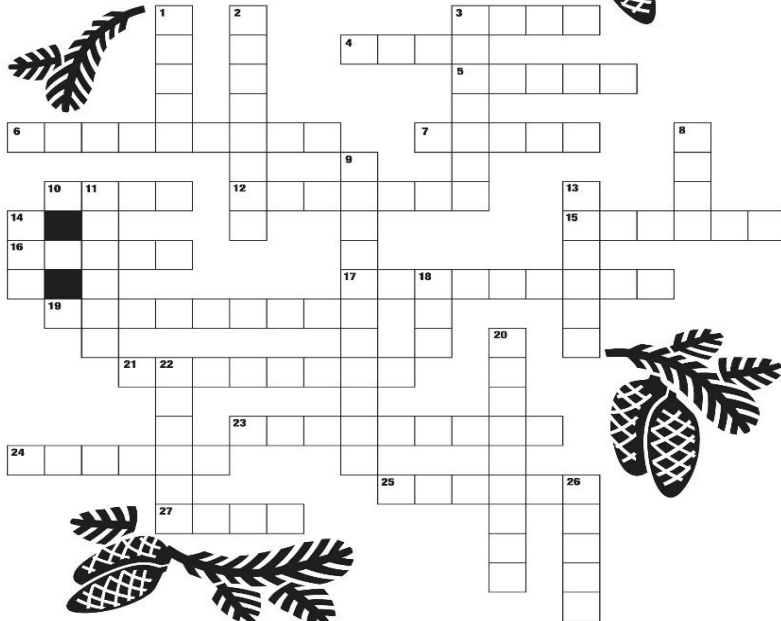
Take a break from Christmas preparations to complete this seasonal crossword.

DOWN

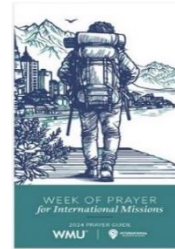
1. song
2. keeper of sheep
3. Anointed One
8. a gift of the magi
9. red plants
11. coming
13. Jesus _____
14. 12th month (abbrev.)
- 18 . B&B
20. a form of holly
22. heavenly messengers
26. he ordered the slaughter of the innocents

ACROSS

3. wise men
4. author of the most famous Christmas account
5. red-suited gift-giver
6. of Ephrathah
7. presents
10. Gabriel came to her
12. has a red nose
15. "Messiah" composer
16. northern little helpers
17. patron saint of children
19. made flesh
21. home for Mary
23. tree decorations
24. crib
25. he was a carpenter
27. a nova



Answer: DOWN 1. carol, 2. shepherd, 3. Messiah, 8. gold, 9. poinsettias, 11. Advent, 13. Christ, 14. dec, 18. inn, 20. mistletoe, 22. angels, 26. Herod; ACROSS 3. magi, 4. Luke, 5. Santa, 6. Bethlehem, 7. gifts, 10. Mary, 12. Rudolph, 15. Handel, 16. elves, 17. Saint Nick, 19. incarnate, 21. Nazareth, 23. ornaments, 24. manger, 25. Joseph, 27. star



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions

Please be in prayer and give faithfully to the Lottie Moon Missions Offering.

Church Goal = \$ 6,000

Given to Date = \$ 2,462.23

Your support is greatly appreciated and needed.

No Activities & Studies Week of Christmas

Due to the holidays, we will not have our Wednesday Night activities on December 25th and January 1st.

End of Year Contributions

Please have donations that you would like to count toward your 2024 contribution statement into the church office by no later than noon on Tuesday, December 31st. If you would like to know what your year to date contributions are, check your Realm account or contact Karen at the church office.

January Bible Study

"Joshua - The Faithfulness of God"

Sunday, Jan. 12th – Wednesday, Jan. 15th

@ 6 PM in Fellowship Hall

Bro. Jack Bell will lead the 4 session study at

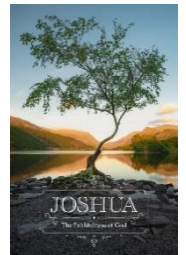
Many FBC. This study is open to everyone so

invite family and friends to join us. Study Books are free to

church members but if you would like to help offset the

expense, they are \$ 9.00 each. Please sign up by Tuesday,

January 7th so that we insure we have enough books.



2025 Sanctuary Flower Calendar open Now!
Call the church office today to reserve a Sunday or two to place flowers. The dates are on a first come, first serve basis so if you have a particular date in mind, call today to get it reserved. We really appreciate everyone who placed the flowers which added so much for our worship experience each week.

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 information, contact the church office.



Does the church have your correct email address, mailing address, and phone numbers? Email us your information so that we can make sure we have your records up to date. If you would like to sign up for our e-newsletters and/or our email prayer updates, please send us an email to fbcmany@bellsouth.net so we can add you to our lists.

CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURES TUESDAY, DEC. 24TH, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 25TH, AND WEDNESDAY, JAN. 1ST

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Sunday, January 14th @ 4 PM

All Committees should meet now!

It is almost time for the Church Council Meeting. All church committees should begin to meet now to plan activities and events for 2025 as well as elect a chairperson for the year. Committees can contact the office to schedule meetings and to place them on the church calendar. All church leaders and committee chairpersons are asked to attend the Church Council Meeting on January 19th. If you have any items for the agenda and church calendar for the council meeting, contact the church office to be placed on the agenda.

**Remember our Pastor Search Committee
in your daily prayers.**

Jimmy Bray (Chairman), Terry Brandon, Tiffeni Campbell,
Ramona Moore, and Phillip Roark.

Notes from the Pastor Search Committee:

Well, it has been a year of searching for the committee and while the leadership of the church has put this task to serve on the committee in my hands and on my heart along with my fellow members, little did I know what faith-building trials laid ahead for our committee.

No matter the size of our church, no matter the size of the circumstance, looking for a new pastor is challenging. We as a search committee work hours reading resumes, listening to sermons, and once we make it to the step of interviewing the candidates it requires us to pursue unity of mind and purpose among all of us on the committee. But there was one thing I did not anticipate when I agreed to serve and that was the spiritual attack.

And boy are we under it. With every turn Satan doesn't want the search committee to succeed. Consider the goals of the committee

1. Unity – there will be potential for many disagreements both small and big, things on what will make the candidate qualify and don't, what points the candidate makes in his sermon stick out. Unity is essential for us on the committee. If we are not united, we will struggle and disunity can and will spread to the rest of the church. 1 Corinthians 1:10, Ephesian 4:3, Colossians 3:14, John 17: 20-23
2. Spiritual Strength- spiritual attacks can easily overwhelm us on the committee. Please pray that we stand strong and seek Christ in the midst of many distractions, challenges, and hardships we face in our personal lives. Pray for our families during this time – Satan tries to attack them as well. Exodus 15:2, Deuteronomy 20:4, Deuteronomy 3:16, Psalm 18:1-3, Philippians 4:13
3. Wisdom – Pray as we continue to review the applications that find the best pastor to fit our church and church body needs. Pray we focus on what is important and set aside any distractions and continue to focus on what is important and quickly identify who would be the best pastor for our church. Proverbs 19:8, Proverbs 9:11-12, Luke 2:52, James 1:5
4. Endurance- this is long and hard process. It takes most churches years to find the best pastor for the job and this is not a task that we the committee are taking lightly. We haven't found someone yet but that doesn't mean we are not trying or working hard to seek him for our church. We need your continued prayers now more than you will ever know. So please continue to lift us up by name as we seek the shepherd for church. James 1:2-3, Hebrews 10:36 , Romans 5:3-5 , Isaiah 40:31

Merry Christmas from the Pastor Search Committee from our family to yours may you all have blessed and wonderful Christmas.