

# *Welcome To First Baptist Church Many, Louisiana*



***December 29, 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

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* .....Hymn # 192

Invocation.....Deacon of the Week.....Paul Morris

Lighting of Advent Candle..Bro. Mark & Karen Robinson

*While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks*....Hymn # 203

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* .....Hymn # 188

*Away in a Manger* .....Hymn # 205

Message .....Bro. Mark Robinson

Invitation.....*Silent Night, Holy Night!*.....Hymn # 206

Benediction.....*Joy to the World!*.....Hymn # 181

**Birthdays for this Week:** Carolyn Cook (29), Terry Kelly, Lacy Roark (1) and Stacie Bray (3).

## 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](http://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>	\$4,432.23
<i>Amount Remaining of goal:</i>	\$1,567.77

<b><u>Members in Service :</u></b>		
	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Deacon of the Week</b>
12/29	Phyllis Horton, Gary and Ramona Moore	Paul Morris
1/5	Cathy Kelly, Nancy Wright	Don Burkett

## *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 Meal or Activities	
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 December 2024		Attendance		
		Date	Sun. School	Worship
Monthly Budget Needs:	\$ 26,100.97	12/1	41	48
Gifts Received to date:	\$ 33,165.38	12/8	38	
Budget Needs Exceeded:	\$ 7,064.41	12/15	37	40
		12/22	36	
		12/29		

### **No Wednesday Night Activities this Week**

Due to the holiday, we will not have our meal or Wednesday Night activities on January 1st. We will resume normal Wednesday night activities next week on January 8<sup>th</sup>.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR  
 NEW YEAR'S DAY WEDNESDAY, JAN. 1, 2025.  
 THE OFFICE WILL REOPEN THURSDAY, JAN. 2,  
 2025 AT 8 A.M.**



## Grateful Hearts Book Club

Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup> @ 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<sup>th</sup> @ 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 info, contact the church office.

### **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 31<sup>st</sup>. 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. 12<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>**

**@ 6 PM in Fellowship Hall**

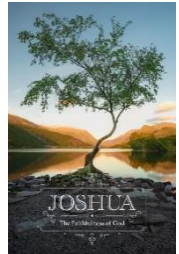
**Bro. Jack Bell will lead the 4 session study**

**at Many FBC. This study is open to**

**everyone so invite family and friends to**

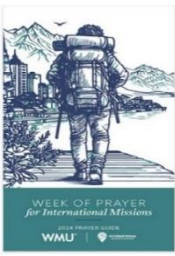
**join us. Study Books are free to church members but if you would like to help offset the expense, they are \$ 9.00 each.**

**Please sign up by Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup> so that we insure we have enough books.**



### **CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS 2024**

Thank you all so very much for your faithful giving and support of the ministry of Many FBC during this past year. Contribution Statements will be mailed out in mid January.



## Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions

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

*Church Goal = \$ 6,000.00*

*Given to Date = \$ 4,432.23*

Your support is greatly appreciated and needed.

## **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.*

*2025 Sanctuary Flower Calendar is now open!  
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.*



## **CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> @ 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 19<sup>th</sup>. 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.

# *Sermon Notes:*

## **Notes from the Pastor Search Committee:**

Church Family,

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

*Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, "Are you for us or for our enemies?" "Neither," he replied, "but as commander of the army of the LORD I have now come." Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked him, "What message does my LORD have for his servant?" Joshua 5:13-14 (NIV)*

Well, we have made it through another Christmas season! One in which, like many others, we may have gathered with family or friends we haven't seen in quite a while. There may even have been conversations that reflected differences of opinions about current events, life, and our beliefs. Often times when these arise I fail to remember this verse where Joshua asked, whom many believe to be the pre-incarnate Christ, "Whose side are you on?" Like Joshua, our flesh immediately wants to know what side or stance someone else has so we can decide whether to be on defense or offense and align our thoughts and actions accordingly. But more importantly, should the question(s) be to ourselves: Whose side am I on? Am I on the side of God? How can I align my life with God's plan rather than asking God to arrange His will for my life? Would His plan involve turmoil and chaos? Or is it to walk in humility, seek Him in everything, love others selflessly, and give my time and talents sacrificially and generously? In other words, do I fall down in reverence and ask - "What message does my LORD have for His servant?"

As we all continue to pray for our church's next pastor, may we also fall down in reverence and ask – How can we, as a church family, focus on aligning ourselves with His plan? and What message does the LORD have for our church?

Pastor Search Committee