

## Newsletter: November 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.*

### Mark Your Calendars

#### NOVEMBER

#### EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

11/3 Daylight Saving Time Ends  
11/6 Wednesday Night Activities  
11/7 Ladies Book Club @ 2 PM  
11/8 Tailgating @ MHS  
11/10 OCC Shoeboxes Due  
11/12 LBC Annual Meeting  
11/13 Wednesday Night Activities  
11/17 Shoe Box Packing Party  
11/17 Finance Meeting  
11/19 WMU Meeting  
11/20 Wednesday Night Activities & Business Meeting  
11/27 No Wed. Night Activities  
11/28 & 11/29 – Church Office closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

#### Sunday Service Schedule

Sunday School @ 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service @ 10:30 a.m.

#### Wednesday Night Activities

Meal @ 5:30 PM  
Prayer Meeting & Bible Study @ 6 PM  
Join us weekly for this time of study and prayer. The adults will meet in the fellowship hall. Youth and Children meet in their Sunday School rooms. We have a great time of food, fellowship, and study so come join us!

### Operation Christmas Child

**Turn in boxes = Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Packing Party = Sunday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>**

Our Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box project is about to come to a close for this year. 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. Boxes will need to be returned by Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for always supporting this ministry.



### Shoe Box Packing Party & Lunch Fellowship Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> after AM Worship Service

We encourage everyone to join us Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> after AM Worship service in the fellowship hall. Bring a Louisiana style dish to share for the lunch. After the meal we will be packing the shoe boxes, preparing them for shipping, and pray over them. We hope that you will be here for a great time of service and fellowship.



### UPDATE ON DEACON SELECTION PROCESS

Recently, church members voted for three men to be added to our Deacons. The votes have been tabulated and the top candidates are in the process of being contacted. Bro. Mark, Paul Morris, and Phillip Roark will visit with the candidates very soon. At the Business Meeting on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, the three men will be formally presented and a vote of final approval will be taken. Plans are to have the Deacon Ordination Service as part of our Morning Worship Service on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Please be in prayer for the men who will be going through the selection process as well as our Deacons.

### Proposed 2025 Church Budget to be Discussed at Business Meeting on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>

**Vote on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> after Worship Service**

Our Budget and Finance Committees worked diligently to prepare a proposed 2025 Church Budget. During the first week of November, church members will be mailed the proposed budget along with a letter from Paul Morris explaining some of the changes. Members will be able to discuss and ask questions or comment at the Business Meeting on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. At the conclusion of the Morning Worship Service on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, church members will vote (without discussion) by ballot on accepting this proposed budget. We thank the Budget and Finance Committees for their hard work. We also want to thank you for being faithful to God's word and providing for the church's financial needs.



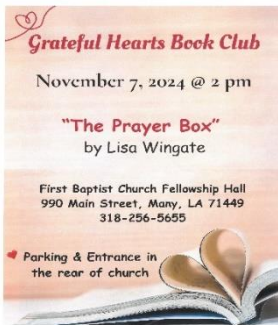
Don't forget to set your clocks back 1 hour when you go to bed on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Time change is a good time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

**Finance Committee Meeting**  
**Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> @ 5 p.m.**  
 Members of this committee are urged to attend. There are several important items to discuss. If you cannot attend, contact Paul Morris or the church office.

**Business Meeting on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6 p.m.**

Church members need to attend this important Business Meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup>. Not only will be discuss the proposed 2025 church budget but the three men that have been selected at to be ordained will be presented. Other key items will also be discussed and voted on. Please make plans to attend the Business Meeting. Come be a part of the business matters and decisions of the church.



**Women's Christian 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 on Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> @ 2 PM. For more info, contact the FBC office at 256-5655 or fbcmany@bellsouth.net. Invite a friend or two and come join us November 7<sup>th</sup>. We will not meet in December but will resume in January 2025.

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING \*\* NOVEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup> & 29<sup>TH</sup>**

**Please use the Emergency Contact Numbers listed on page 4 of this newsletter if you need to get in touch with the staff during any office closure. Happy Thanksgiving from the Many FBC Church Staff!**

**La. Baptist Convention Annual Meeting**  
**November 11 -12 at Broadmoor BC in Shreveport**

The annual meeting is a great way to see what all is happening within our state and convention. Please pray for the messengers from our church, as well as other messengers attending, for traveling safety, and for the Convention.



**Looking for Voices for Christmas Music**

*Choir practices are now underway for our Christmas Music. Mike Collier is leading us in this presentation set for the evening of Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. We need all 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.*

**Nursing Home Christmas Store**

**Thursday, December 5th**

Items needed for store:

- Lap Throws
- Pillows (soft – do not overstuff)
- T-shirts (all sizes for Men & Women)
- Rubber soled & Crochet slippers
- House Shoes (men's larger sizes & women's)
- Socks with grips (Men & Women)
- Dolls and Stuffed Toys (new or very clean)
- Jewelry & Trinkets
- Body Mist & Perfume
- Name brand Kleenex
- Night Lights
- Walker Purses
- Room & Holiday Decorations
- Lotion, cream, mouthwash, deodorant, etc.
- Snack cakes
- Diabetic cookies & candy
- Homemade cookies & candy
- Small can or bottled soft drinks (regular & diet)

**NOTE – No Chocolate covered cherries please! They are a choking hazard.**

Contact the Many First Baptist Church office for more details.

Don't forget to support our annual drive for items needed for the Nursing Home Christmas Store. Lists of suggested items are located throughout the church and in this Newsletter. A box to place your donated items is located by the church office. Thank you for your sign of love for the local nursing home residents.

**The Lottie Moon International Missions Offering will be collected during December. The week of Prayer is December 1 - 8. The church goal of \$3,500. Continue to pray for the lost in our world and the missionaries.**

It's Football season!! Our church and Siloam BC are teaming up and hosting a tailgating spot for three Many High School home games. The spot will be near the field house and facing the field. Join us at 5 PM. Our next & last time to tailgate is November 8<sup>th</sup>. We will have Frito pies. Bring a lawn chair as well as a friend and join us for tailgating.



### Ways to Give Your Tithes & Offerings

- Place in offering plate as you enter or exit the Sanctuary on Sundays.
- Mail to Church (P.O. Box 239, Many, LA 71449).
- Come by the church during office hours.
- Log on to [www.fbcmany.org/giving](http://www.fbcmany.org/giving) or Text FBCMANY to 73256.

Watch our Sunday Morning Worship Services live on our Facebook page. If you cannot join us in person, please use this way to worship and connect with us each week.



*I want to thank all of you for the prayers you lifted up for Valerie and me during our cancer journeys. It is bittersweet that both of us have completed the fight. We have both been healed! Valerie has been healed completely as she is now in the presence of God our Father and Jesus, our savior – where we long to be! My purpose has not yet been fulfilled so I will continue the work the Good Lord has left for me to do.*

*Our journeys were made easier because of your prayers. I love you all so much, as did Valerie. Thank you and may God bless you.  
Love, Meloney Mitchell*

**WMU Meeting on Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 AM**  
**Ladies interested in learning and participating in various mission projects are encouraged to attend.**  
**See Shirley Salley for more details.**

### **November Monthly Special Offering Emphasis are Operations Christmas Child Shoe Boxes and Nursing Home Christmas Store**

**The month of November is the time that we will collect the special offering Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes and the annual Nursing Home Christmas Store. Please be generous in your support of these mission focuses.**

**Does the church office have your correct contact information? If you are unsure, please drop us an email with all your info (cell #, email, mailing address, anniversary date, etc.) so we can update records. Your help in making sure our records are correct is greatly appreciated.**

### ***Deacon Ordination on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>***

*If the three new Deacon candidates are approved at the November 20<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting, plans are to hold the Deacon Ordination Service on Sunday, December 1st as part of the Sunday Morning Worship Service. Please be in prayer for these candidates and make plans to attend this great Sunday in the history of the church.*

**Links of GRATITUDE**  
 Make this meaningful decoration for your Thanksgiving table.

**What you need:**

- Construction paper (in fall colors)
- Scissors
- Pen
- Jar
- Stapler
- Adult help

**What you do:**

1. Cut the paper into strips about 2 inches wide.
2. Place the strips and pen in the jar. Then set it in a prominent place in your home.
3. Throughout November, have family discussions about what you're thankful to God for. Write or draw each item on a paper strip.
4. Make a paper chain by linking and carefully stapling the strips.
5. Keep adding to your decoration and display it during your Thanksgiving meal.



5 Amanda Payne  
 6 Verda Mains  
 7 Krystal Booker  
 9 Jared Alford

12 Cherie Leach, Keagan LaFollette, Eddie Moore  
 13 Phillip Roark  
 17 Bruce Gandy

20 DeAnne Patrick, Garrett Leach  
 21 Rev. Claude Weatherford  
 23 Trey Harris  
 26 W. Merrill Cummings

<b>Members in Service :</b>		
	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Deacon of the Week</b>
11/3	Nancy Wright, Cathy Kelly	Danny Warmack
11/10	Kathy & Danny Warmack	Mike Collier
11/17	Phyllis Horton, Shirley Salley	Paul Morris
11/24	Shirley Salley, Delores Geoghagan, and Rocky Wright	Don Burkett

**Bulletin & Newsletter Deadlines**

Bulletin for 11/3 = Thursday 10/31 @ 9 AM  
 Bulletin for 11/10= Thursday 11/7 @ 9 AM  
 Bulletin for 11/17 = Thursday 11/14 @ 9 AM  
 Bulletin for 11/24 = Thursday 11/21 @ 9 AM  
 Newsletter for Dec. = Monday 11/25 @ 9 AM

*To have announcements to be placed in publications, have them to Karen or Phyllis by these deadlines.*

**Emergency Contact Numbers**  
**First Baptist Church of Many**  
**Church Office = (318)256-5655 M – F 8 AM – 4 PM**  
**AFTER HOURS CONTACTS:**  
 Karen Sepulvado = (318)508-1138  
 Phyllis Horton = (318)602-5062

<b>Vital Statistics</b>	
<b>Financial October 2024</b>	
Monthly Budget Needs:	\$ 26,100.97
Gifts Received:	\$ 22,430.38
Budget Needs Short:	\$ 3,670.59

**Deacon Counters for November – Phillip Roark & Danny Warmack**

Look Ahead at Upcoming Activities in December:

- Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> - Deacon Ordination
- Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> – Nursing Home Christmas Store
- Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> – Lord’s Supper during AM Worship Service
- Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> – Church Holiday Meal after AM Worship Service
- Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> – Finance Committee Meeting @ 5 PM
- Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Music @ 6 PM
- Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> – WMU Meeting @ 9:30 AM
- Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> – Business Meeting @ 6 PM
- December 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> – Church Office Closed for Christmas holidays.

**First Baptist Church Office Staff**

Interim Pastor – Rev. Mark Robinson  
 Church & Financial Secretary – Karen Sepulvado  
 Church Secretary – Phyllis Horton

**PUZZLE**

**THANKS-FILLED GIVING**

The virtues of gratefulness and generosity are connected. When we're truly thankful for all God provides, we want to sow generous seeds in other people's lives. What will be the harvest?

*Directions: Solve the clues associated with each picture. Then write the words in the correct spaces to complete 2 Corinthians 9:10-11, NIV.*

This becomes a plant \_\_\_\_\_

Willing to give \_\_\_\_\_

The result of planting seeds \_\_\_\_\_

The act of gratitude \_\_\_\_\_

Food made from wheat \_\_\_\_\_

Now he who supplies \_\_\_\_\_ to the sower and \_\_\_\_\_ for food will also supply and increase your store of \_\_\_\_\_ and will enlarge the \_\_\_\_\_ of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be \_\_\_\_\_ on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in \_\_\_\_\_ to God. 2 Corinthians 9:10-11, NIV

Answers: seed, bread, harvest, generous, thankful, giving