

*Welcome To
First Baptist Church
Many, Louisiana*



January 5, 2025

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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Hymn # 1

Worthy of Worship Hymn # 3

I Worship You, Almighty God Hymn # 16

Invocation.....Deacon of the Week.....Don Burkett

Amazing Grace!..... Hymn # 104

I Exalt Thee Hymn # 36

How Great Thou Art Hymn # 6

Message Bro. Mark Robinson

Invitation.....*I Believe in a Hill Called*..... Hymn # 246

Calvary

Benediction.....*He Keeps Me Singing*..... Hymn # 148

Birthdays for this Week: Doug Abington, Adrianna Payne (9), Jayden Gentry (10) Donna Lites, and Katy Arthur (11).

<i>December's Offering: Lottie Moons Missions Offering</i>	
<i>Our Church Goal:</i>	\$6,000.00
<i>Offerings Received:</i>	\$6,007.23
<i>Amount Exceeded goal:</i>	\$ 7.23

January's Special Offerings
*Pro Life & Crisis
 Pregnancy Center and
 Souper Bowl / FBC
 Food Pantry*
 Your support is greatly appreciated

<u>Members in Service :</u>		
	Greeters	Deacon of the Week
1/5	Cathy Kelly, Nancy Wright	Don Burkett
1/12	Kathy and Danny Warmack	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	5:30 p.m.	Meal
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Meeting & Bible Study
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Grateful Hearts Book Club
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
	6:00 p.m.	January Bible Study

Prayer Concerns:

Dorothy Alford, Marilyn Booker, Lucille DeWitt,
 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:	\$ 37,872.76	12/8	38	
Budget Needs Exceeded:	\$ 11,771.79	12/15	37	40
		12/22	36	
		12/29	32	40

Wednesday Night Meal Menu for Jan. 8th

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

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.

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

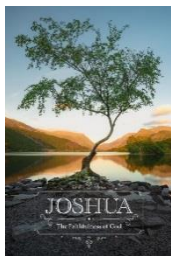
everyone so invite family and friends to join us. Study

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 Monday, January 6th so that we insure we have

enough books.



**Missions & Evangelism
Committee Meeting**
Wed., January 8th @ 4 PM
Members of this committee include: Stacie Bray, Virginia Burkett, Tiffeni Campbell, Delores Geoghagan, Ramona Moore, Shirley Salley, and Nancy Wright. Please make every effort to attend.

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.



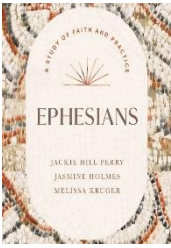
Watch our Sunday Morning Worship Services live on our Facebook page. If you cannot join us in person, please use this way to worship with us each week.

Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions

We are thankful to everyone who prayed and gave to the Lottie Moon Offering. Because of your faithful giving, we were able to exceed our goal!

Church Goal = \$ 6,000 Given = \$ 6,007.23

For the latest on what is happening at First Baptist Church, check out our Facebook page.



Ladies Winter Bible Study

"Ephesians"

Thursdays, @ 10 AM – 12 noon

(Coffee @ 9:30 AM)

January 16 – February 27, 2025

Sign-up Sheets available on the table outside the church office and in the back table in the Sanctuary. Please invite a friend or two to come join you. For more information contact Ramona Moore or the church office.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Sunday, January 19th @ 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.



January 2025 Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, 1/8 @ 4 PM – Mission & Evang. Meeting

Thursday, 1/9 @ 2 PM - -Grateful Hearts Book Club

Sunday, 1/19 @ 4 PM – Church Council Meeting

Sunday, 1/19 @ 5 PM – Finance Meeting

Tuesday, 1/21 @ 9:30 AM – WMU Meeting

Wednesday, 1/22 @ 6:00 PM - Business Meeting

Fourth Friday Fish Fry at Clara Springs Return

Friday, January 24th, the Fourth Friday Fish Fry returns Clara Springs Camp. It begins at 5 PM. Adults are \$ 15 per person, kids 10 – 17 yr. old are \$ 10 per person, and kids under 9 & under are free. Contact Clara Springs for more details. Make plans to attend.

Sermon Notes:

Notes from the Pastor Search Committee:

Church Family,

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

As it is said, "Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion." So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief. Hebrews 3:15&19 (ESV)

As the writer of Hebrews reminds us; the disobedience of the people of Israel when they rebelled resulted in not being allowed to enter into the land of Canaan, a land flowing with milk and honey, the place of the Lord's rest. This passage stresses to us the importance of not only hearing God's voice (His word) but not hardening our heart in rebellion to His ways. Though not exactly in the same manner, we are all faced with spiritual and life situations that test or prove us as His followers. Led into a wilderness that requires total trust in Him, He matures us in a relationship that honors and glorifies His name. We sometimes think just hearing God is enough, but in fact it is not. In reality we wake up every day trusting God for our very existence. We need God for the air we breathe, the food we eat, and the wisdom to do our daily tasks. To totally trust Him in every way is not only belief but also a place of rest through the wilderness of this life!

As we all continue to pray for our church's next pastor, may we also seek the place of the Lord's rest through total trust in the Creator of the Universe.

Pastor Search Committee