# Welcome To **First Baptist Church**Many, Louisiana



# February 2, 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 Collie	Music Leader				
Worship Team					
Glenda Merriman Pianis	t Merrill Cummings Organist				

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#### Welcome & Announcements

## Call to Worship

Worthy of WorshipHymn # 3
InvocationDeacon of the WeekDanny Warmack
My Favorite ScripturePhilippians 4:13
He Touched MeHymn # 628
Through It All
Come into His Presence
Fill My Cup Lord
Oh, the Glory of Your Presence
Pastor's Message Bro. Mark Robinson
InvitationBe Strong in the Lord
Benediction

Flowers for today's service are placed by Doug & DeAnne Patrick in loving memory of their parents, Mr. & Mrs. E.M. Patrick, Mr. & Mrs. Frank S. Mathews, and Mr. D.N. Hammons.

Birthdays for this Week: Jeff Price (3), and Loren Alford (7).

January Offering: Pro Life & Crisis Pregnancy Center				
Our Church Goal:	\$ 500.00			
Offerings Received:	\$ 100.00			
Amount Remaining of goal:	\$ 400.00			

# February's Special Offerings

La. Hunger & Local Food Box Project and Souper Bowl/FBC Food Pantry

Your support is greatly appreciated.

	Members in Service :				
	Greeters	Deacon of the Week			
2/2	Cathy Kelly, Nancy Wright	Danny Warmack			
2/9	Kathy and Danny Warmack	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		
Wednesday	4:30 p.m.	Miss. & Evangelism Comm. Mtg		
	5:30 p.m.	Meal		
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Meeting & Bible Study		
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study - Ephesians		
	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		

### **Prayer Concerns:**

Dorothy Alford, Merilyn Booker, Lucille DeWitt, Dub & Catherine Gentry, Becky Horner, Ginger Jordan, Terry Kelly, Sr. Kristi Leach, Margaret Leach, Eddie Moore Jeff Morrow, Rev. Claude Weatherford, Pat Wiggins, Suzanne Worsham, Mary Jo Wright

Vital Statistics								
Financia	Attendance							
January 2025		Date	Sun. School	Worship				
Monthly Budget Needs:	\$ 27,334.15	1/5	30	40				
Gifts Received to date:	\$ 19,181.38	1/12	37	34				
Budget Needs	\$ 8,152.77	1/19	39	40				
Remaining:	Ф 0,102.77	1/26	32	35				



## Wednesday Night Meal Menu for Feb.5th

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 <a href="mailto:fbcmany@bellsouth.net">fbcmany@bellsouth.net</a>

# 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 <u>www.fbcmany.org/giving</u> or Text FBCMANY to 73256.

# Missions and Evangelism Committee Meeting Wednesday, February 5th @ 4:30 p.m.

There will be a meeting of the Missions and Evangelism Committee this Wednesday @ 4:30 p.m. It is important that all committee members attend. If you have any questions, please contact Virginia Burkett.



Ladies Come join us this
Thursday at 2 p.m. as we discuss this
month's selection "When Crickets
Cry". We encourage you to bring a
friend along. This is a good
opportunity for good Christian
fellowship.

## Sabine Association Missions Banquet

Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m. At Siloam Baptist Church

The annual Sabine Associations Missions
Banquet will be held at Siloam Baptist Church on
Monday, February 10th beginning at 6:30 p.m.
Bring your favorite Louisiana food covered dish
and join us. The speaker this year is Christine
Gil from the La. Baptist Convention WMU
department. For more information and to RSVP,
please contact Mary Gore @ 318-452-9731.

# <u>NSU - BCM Lunch</u> Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>

The WMU will be hosting lunch at the BCM at NSU on Wednesday Feb. 19th. We are asking for volunteers to help serve the students over at the BCM. We are also needing volunteers to help supply Little Debbie Snack Cakes. A box will be set up in the hallway across from the church office. If you need further information contact the Church office or Shirley Salley.

# Open Dates for Flower Calendar

If you would like to have a special day to place flowers in the Sanctuary, please call the church so we can put it on the calendar. We have February 9, 16, 23, and March 2, 16, and 23 open. The flowers placed in our sanctuary add so much beauty to our worship experience.

# **Hidden Rock Project**

On Wednesday night, our Children painted rocks and wrote encouraging messages on them. They also hid the rocks in the hallways and Sanctuary.



Today, you are encouraged to find the rocks and return them to any of the children, Debbie, or Tiffeni at church today. If all the rocks are found, the children will get a prize this Wednesday night at their study. Please help the kids by looking for and returning the rocks to them today.

# February 2025 Meeting Schedule

Thursday, 2/6 @ 10 AM – Women's Bible Study Thursday, 2/13 @ 10 AM – Women's Bible Study Sunday, 2/16 @ 5 PM - Finance Meeting Tuesday, 2/18 @ 9:30 AM - WMU Meeting Wednesday, 2/19 @ 6:00 PM - Business Meeting Thursday, 2/20 @ 10 AM – Women's Bible Study



# **Hunger Fund Offering Emphasis** Soup Lunch on Sunday, February 23rd

We will have our annual soup lunch on Sunday, February 23rd after the Morning Worship Service. If you would like to make a pot of soup, contact the

church office or Virginia Burkett. No desserts please. A donation basket will be placed at the end of the table and proceeds will go to the La. Hunger Fund at La. Baptist. In our morning worship service, we plan to make it like old time worship service. We ask that

everyone turn off electronic devices in the Sanctuary. We will have candle light and will sing strictly from hymnals. Mark your calendars to be here

The 2024 Contribution Statements are ready. Phyllis Horton will be handing out the statements today. If you are unable to get yours today you can pick them up at the church office or they will be mailed at a later date. Thank you for your faithfulness in giving to the ministries of First Baptist Church Many.



For the latest on what is happening at Many FBC check out our Facebook page or our website fbcmany.org.

# Sermon Notes:

# Notes from the Pastor Search Committee:

Church Family,

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

"I had heard of You [only] by the hearing of the ear, But now my [spiritual] eye sees You. Job 42:5 (AMP)

Despite his complaining and challenges to God, that included wanting to banish the day he was born, Job never denounced God nor cursed His name, which is what Satan boasted would happen in his initial challenge to God. As an example, Job is identified as a man who glorified God even when his life became unimaginably difficult, proving Satan's challenge to God to be false. And as a result, Job's understanding and spiritual clarity of the goodness of God was matured and intensified. He finally repented of his foolish complaining and reckless and ill-considered words, for through it all, Job had come to a deeper and more intimate knowledge and understanding of God, and so he confesses to the Lord: "I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear; but now my eye sees You."

It is assured, Satan's accusations against the goodness and grace of God are still being whispered in the ears of us believers today, and like Job, are accompanied by many forms of suffering, affliction, and pain. But in His strength, we can and must stand firm on the truth of Scripture, trust in Christ, and reject the enemy's tactic to cause us to doubt God's precious promises. Through Jesus, we too disprove the evil and unjust accusations against the goodness of God and bring honor and glory to His name.

As we all continue to pray for our church's next pastor, may we also mature and draw closer to God by standing firm in His goodness, even in the face of adversity.

Pastor Search Committee