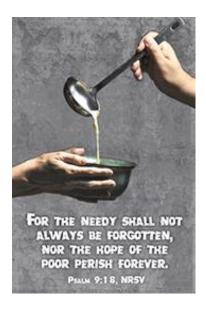
# Welcome To First Baptist Church Many, Louisiana



# February 23, 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

World Day of Hunger Emphasis Tiffeni Campbell
LA Baptist Hunger ReliefVirginia Burkett
Call to Worship
Count Your BlessingsHymn # 585
InvocationDeacon of the WeekDon Burkett
Love Lifted MeHymn # 107
Send the Light
Worship Medley Laurie Gentry
MessageBro. Mark Robinson
InvitationWhat a Friend We HaveHymn # 154
Benediction Thank You, Lord Hymn # 582
Birthdays for this Week: Barbara Lewing (2/25) and Valerie A. Brewton

(2/28).

Don't forget you can always go back and watch our Sunday Morning Worship Services on our Facebook page or on our website @ www.fbcmany.org.

February Offering: La World Hunger & Local Food Box Project:			
Our Church Goal:	\$1,500.00		
Offerings Received:	\$ 800.00		
Amount Remaining of goal:	\$ 70000		

<u>February's Special</u> <u>Offerings</u> 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		
2/23	Delores Geoghagan, Shirley Salley, and Rocky Wright	Don Burkett		
3/2	Cathy Kelly, Nancy Wright	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	10:00 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study - Ephesians		
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 The Claudine Mizell Family

Vital Statistics								
Financia	Attendance							
February 2	Date	Sun. School	Worship					
Monthly Budget Needs:	\$ 27,334.15	2/2	41	46				
Gifts Received to date:	\$ 19,825.00	2/9	43	42				
Budget Needs	\$ 7,509.15	2/16	36	36				
Remaining:	φ <i>1</i> ,509.15	2/23						

## Wednesday Night Meal Menu for Feb.26<sup>th</sup>

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 <u>fbcmany@bellsouth.net</u>

## 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.



## Hunger Fund Offering Emphasis

Soup Lunch Today after AM Worship Service We will have our annual soup lunch today after the Morning Worship Service. We will have a variety

of different soups available. A donation basket will be placed at the end of the table and proceeds will go to the La. Hunger Fund at La. Baptist. You will be able to dine in or carry out. 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 candlelight and will sing strictly from hymnals.

We are pleased to have Miss Laurie Gentry leading our music in our morning worship service today. She will also be sharing her talents in performing musical special. We thank her for her contribution to our service today.

## Grateful Hearts 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 of each month. The next book



we will discuss is "Unplanned" by Alana Terry. Get your book at your favorite bookstore or the library and come ready to discuss it at our meeting on Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup> @ 2 PM. Bring a friend. For more information, contact the FBC office at 256-5655.

## March 2025 Schedule

Sunday, 3/16 – Potato Soup Lunch Fundraiser - OCC Sunday, 3/16 @ 5 PM – Finance Committee Meeting Tuesday, 3/18 @ 9:30 AM – WMU Meeting Wednesday, 3/19 @ 6 PM – Business Meeting Friday, 3/28 @ 5 PM –Clara Springs Fourth Friday Fish Fry



Does the church office have your correct contact information? If you are unsure, please drop us an

email with all your info (cell#, birthday, anniversary, email, etc.) so we can update our records.



Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions Week of Prayer and Emphasis March 2 – 9

Next Sunday starts our week of Prayer and Emphasis for Annie

Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions. Our Goal is \$3,500 please pray about your faithfulness in giving.

We hope that you will continue to be faithful in giving to the church and her ministry. There are several ways that you can give to the ministries of our church. We encourage all our members to take advantage of these. If you would like more



information on how to do this, the Church Office is here to help answer any questions and guide you through these steps.

## 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 March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup> open as well as other upcoming dates. The flowers that are placed in our Sanctuary add so much beauty to our worship experience.



#### Join us on Wednesday Night!

If you have been absent from Wednesday night activities, this is the perfect time to join us. We start off with a Potluck meal @ 5:30 where we eat and enjoy a good time

of Christian fellowship. At 6 PM, we start Prayer Meeting and Bible Study. Bro. Mark leads us in a wonderful time of devotion. We also have classes for kids and youth starting @ 6 PM. If there are kids in your neighborhood or you have grandkids looking for something to do on Wednesday, we encourage you to bring them.

## Sermon Notes:

#### Notes from the Pastor Search Committee:

Church Family,

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

This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." Acts 4:11-12 (AMP)

In the previous verses, in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, a lame man was healed by Peter and John at the gate of the temple in front of several thousand witnesses. Both Peter and John, arrested for the 'disturbance', were jailed and brought before the high priests the next day. Being filled with the Holy Spirit, they testify that salvation is in no one but Jesus, the Son of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. The Stone whom they had rejected and crucified; but now has become the cornerstone of salvation by which there is no other way. Even acknowledging amongst themselves the truth of these events, the high priests charged Peter and John not to speak or teach anymore in the name of Jesus. They (rulers, elders, high priests – the religious) wanted no deviation from their teaching and influence to oppose the common culture of that age. Faced with the strong possibility of prison and/or death, Peter and John answered, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard."

Unlike Peter and John, in an attempt to gain acceptance from the broader, more common culture; have we become reluctant to say that Jesus is the only way to salvation? Do we try to integrate various teachings and/or more culturally accepted influences into a faith of our own making? Jesus said, "I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6) To say otherwise, participate in, or lead our lives in any other way is to call Him a liar. Anything that diminishes the uniqueness of Jesus, adds to or takes away from what He did, or does not acknowledge He is the only way to the Father – is false gospel.

As we all continue to pray for our next pastor, may we also pray that we as His church stay grounded in the uniqueness of Jesus – "there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved".

Pastor Search Committee