# Welcome To First Baptist Church Many, Louisiana



### September 28, 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

#### Georgia Barnette State Missions Offering Video

#### Call to Worship

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
I Sing Praises/Glorify Thy NameHymn # 17/ #18
Prayer Deacon of the Week Jimmy Bray
How Great Thou Art Hymn # 6
The Heart of Worship Hymn # 127
Special Music Hymn of Heaven Caleb Williams
Sermon
Invitation How Deep the Father's Love Hymn # 101
Benediction Doxology

Flowers for today's service are given by the Dorothy Alford family in memory of Oscar Alford and Logan Brant.

<u>Birthdays for this Week:</u> Jeff Cummings, Andrea Payne, Eric Savell (30), and Eli Booker (2).

We are pleased to have Caleb William leading our music during our Morning Worship Service. Pray for Caleb as he shares his love for the Lord in music.

September Offering:			
Georgia Barnette			
State Missions Offering			
Our Church Goal:	\$	3,500.00	
Offerings Received:	\$	945.00	
Amount of goal Short:	\$	2,555.00	

## September's Special Offering's Coorgin Rampatta

Georgia Barnette
State Missions and
Nursing Home Store
Your support is greatly
appreciated.

	Members in Service:			
	Greeters	Deacon of the Week		
9/28	Delores Geoghagan, Shirley Salley, and Rocky Wright	Jimmy Bray		
10/5	Cathy Kelly, Nancy Wright	Danny Warmack		

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.	Church Meal		
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Meeting		
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		
	5:00 p.m.	Budget & Finance Comm. Meeting		

#### Prayer Concerns:

Dorothy Alford, Merilyn Booker, Tiffeni Campbell, Linda Cummings, Lucille DeWitt, Dub & Catherine Gentry, Becky Horner, Phyllis Horton, Terry Kelly, Sr., Jared Leach, Kristi Leach, Margaret Leach, Eddie Moore, Jeff Morrow, Rev. Claude Weatherford, Pat Wiggins, Suzanne Worsham, Mary Jo Wright

Vital Statistics						
Financial		Attendance				
September 2025		Date	Sun. School	Worship		
Monthly Budget Needs:	\$ 27,334.15	9/7	47	57		
Gifts Received to date:	\$ 19,749.00	9/14	38	58		
Budget Needs	\$ 7,585.15	9/21	46	90		
Remaining:	φ 1,305.15	9/28				

#### Wednesday Night Meal Menu for Oct. 1st

Remember Pot Luck Please bring a Main Dish, Side, or Dessert. 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.

#### **Properties Committee Meeting Today after Business Meeting**

The Properties Committee will have a short meeting in the meeting room behind the piano. It is important all Committee members be present.

#### PROPOSED REVISED 2025 CHURCH BUDGET TO BE VOTED ON TODAY!!



Immediately following Worship Service, church members will vote on a proposed revised 2025 Church Budget. At the September 17<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting, it was presented and discussed to revise the Budget to include a salary for a part-time Worship Leader. There will be no discussion at the meeting today, just a vote by ballot.



#### Georgia Barnette State Missions Offering Goal = \$ 3,500 Received = \$ 945

Today is the last Sunday to give to

Georgia Barnette State Missions. Our goal is \$3,500 so please be generous. If you haven't had the opportunity to give, we encourage you to do so today. Offering envelopes are available throughout the church. Pray about your support for this offering that will help our missionaries reach the lost in our state.

#### Sabine Baptist Association Annual Meeting Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup>

Church members are encouraged to attend this meeting at Hornbeck FBC. At the meeting, a meal will be served at 6:00 PM and the meeting will follow. Come be a part and get the reports of what is happening and work in our association.

#### **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 "An Invisible Thread" by Laura Schroff. Get your book at your favorite bookstore or the



library and come ready to discuss it at our meeting on Thursday, October  $2^{nd}$  @ 2 PM. Bring a friend. For info, contact the FBC office.

#### Tailgating Opportunity on October 3rd

Many FBC is teaming up with Siloam Baptist Church to participate in tailgating at the MHS home Football games. The next date will be October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Bring a chair and come join us. This is a great way for our church to do tailgating, food, and Christian fellowship. Make plans to be there at 5 p.m. on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## 2026 Church Budget Planning Meeting Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> @ 5 p.m.

It is time to start planning and prepping for the 2026 Church Budget. Church Committee Chairpersons and department leaders should have received their budget packets. All committees who have budget line items are asked to meet with your committees so that you can plan your budget request for the 2026 Budget. The next Budget Planning meeting will be Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM to begin "plugging in" figures. If you have any questions please contact Paul Morris or the Church Office.



#### **CALLING ALL YOUTH!!**

We are so excited to announce we will be restarting a Sunday School class for our youth on Sunday, October 5th. This will be for grades 7th - 12th. Jimmy

and Stacie Bray will be teaching the class. We encourage all our youth to come on Sunday mornings and bring a friend. Sunday school starts at 9:30 a.m.

Church Council \* Sunday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 PM It's almost time for the quarterly Church Council Meeting. Church leaders and Committee Chairpersons are urged to attend so we can discuss and place events and activities for the remainder of 2025 and for 2026 to the church calendar. If you have any questions, contact the church office.

## Nursing Home Christmas Store Thursday, December 4th



#### 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)

Name brand Kleenex Jewelry & Trinkets Body Mist & Perfume
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.

#### Notes from the Pastor Search Committee:

Church Family,

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



The LORD said to Moses, "How long will these people treat me disrespectfully and reject Me? And how long will they not believe in Me, despite all the [miraculous] signs which I have performed among them? Numbers 14:11 (AMP)

After the men that were chosen to spy out the land of Canaan returned to report to the people of Israel (all but Caleb and Joshua), said it was not possible and too dangerous to proceed any further. The people then cried out in rebellion and astonishingly wanted to return to Egypt. After all God had provided and all the miracles witnessed by the Israelites, they still feared others (the world) and doubted the Lord's promise to protect and bring them into a land flowing with milk and honey. They had quickly forgotten this was fulfilling a promise by God, who cannot lie, to Abraham the father of their Jewish nation. They were deceived by their fear to the point of wanting to leave God's protection and even return to their old life of bondage.

The devil will often tempt us with fear to leave God's protection which can include returning to the things of our old lives, our Egypt! Canaan is referred to in the Bible as the area God promised Abraham and his descendants. A sworn inheritance of God's chosen people, overflowing in provisions. A place of God's rest found only in a relationship with Him. The fulfilling of a divine covenant. The "promised land" of Canaan also beautifully pictures the believer's blessings through a surrendered life to Jesus. God's faithfulness to protect us and provide salvation in Christ. There will be hard-fought battles living the Christian life, but we must not find ourselves allowing fear to cause us to disrespect God and not believe His word. Be it through fear from pressure to appease, not wanting to offend, or even being alienated by loved ones. Any and all can cause us to forget God's promise through Jesus Christ. We should pray for strength and good courage to always stand and stay in God's protection. He promises to go before us. We need only to repent, believe in, and profess Christ as our savior. He will never leave or forsake us. God's love is perfect and perfect love cast out all fear.

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. 1 John 4:18 (ESV)

Thank you for your continued prayers, may we always seek His will and never turn from His protection.

Pastor Search Committee