

Newsletter: January 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.

Mark Your Calendars

January

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

1/1 New Year's Day (Office closed)

1/8 Wednesday Night Activities

1/9 Grateful Hearts Book Club

1/12-1/15 January Bible Study

1/16 Ladies Bible Study @ 10 a.m.

1/19 Church Council & Finance Mtg.

1/21 WMU Meeting

1/22 Wednesday Night Activities & Business Meeting

1/23 Ladies Bible Study @ 10 a.m.

1/24 Fourth Friday Fish Fry

1/29 Wednesday Night Activities

1/30 Ladies Bible Study @ 10 a.m.

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!

January Bible Study

"Joshua - The Faithfulness of God"

Sunday, Jan. 12th – Wednesday, Jan. 15th

@ 6 PM each evening

Bro. Jack Bell will lead the 4 session study at Many FBC. 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. Invite family and friends to join us!



Women's Christian Book Club

Looking for a Christian book club? Come join us at Many FBC. Everyone is welcome. The group meets the first Thursday each month. The next book we will discuss is "The Nightingale" by Kristin Hannah. Get your book at your favorite bookstore or the library and come ready to discuss on Thursday, January 9th @ 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 January 9th.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED NEW YEAR'S DAY

Happy New Year from the Many FBC Church Staff!

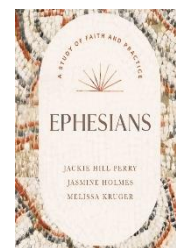
Ladies Winter Bible Study

Ephesians begins on Thursday, January 16th

Coffee @ 9:30 AM & Study @ 10 AM – noon

Pre-Pay for Books by 12/30 if you want

FBC to Order! Contact Church Office or Ramona Moore for details!



Who am I? The question of identity is always in the back of our minds, and it's currently at the forefront of social conversations. But the first question we need to ask is: *Who is God?* Then we can begin to consider, *And who am I in light of who He is?* In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul describes God as a merciful and forgiving Father who unites us in Christ and empowers us to live by the Spirit. We're adopted children and fellow citizens with the saints because of God's loving pursuit on our behalf.

In this 7-session study, Bible teachers, authors, and friends Jackie Hill Perry, Jasmine Holmes, and Melissa Kruger walk through the book of Ephesians, examining the invaluable truths Paul's letter holds for us today. Along the way, they'll help us understand the riches of our inheritance as daughters of our heavenly Father, as well as what it means to walk in a manner worthy of our calling.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 19TH @ 4 PM

All Committees should meet now!

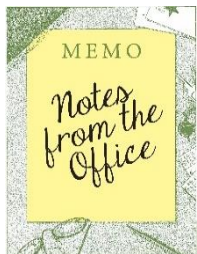
It is time for the Church Council Meeting. All church committees should meet now to plan activities and events for 2025 as well as elect a chairperson for the year. Committees can contact the office to schedule meetings and to place them on the church calendar. All church leaders and committee chairpersons are asked to attend the Church Council Meeting on January 14th. 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.

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.

News from the Church Office



- The Church Office will close on Wednesday, January 1st for the New Year's holiday.
- Please have any contributions that you would like to count towards your 2024 contributions into the church office no later than Tuesday, December 31st no later than 12 noon.
- If you would like to know what your year to date financial contributions are, please use your Realm account or contact Karen in the church office. NOTE - We will send the yearly 2024 Contribution Statements for you tax purposes by the end of January 2025.

Finance Committee Meeting Sunday, January 19th @ 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.

WMU Meeting on

Tuesday, January 21st @ 9:30 AM

Ladies interested in learning and participating in various mission projects are encouraged to attend.

See Shirley Salley for more details.

Business Meeting on Wednesday, January 22nd @ 6 p.m.

Church members need to attend this important Business Meeting on January 22nd. Several important items are on the agenda as well as other key business matters. Please make plans to attend the Business Meeting. Come be a part of the business matters and decisions of the church.

With a New Year approaching and the Church starting a new budget in January, 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.



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

Fourth Friday Fish Fry at Clara Springs Return for 2025

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.

Special Offering Emphasis by Month for 2025			
Month	Emphasis	Goal	Collection
January	ProLife & Crisis Pregnancy Center (Natch.)	\$500	Souper Bowl / FBC Food Pantry ¹
February	La. World Hunger	\$1,500 (30 local food boxes – offering collected during the month) & \$500 collected at World Hunger soup meal	
March	Annie Armstrong North American Missions Easter Offering ¹	WMU ²	Children's Home Egg Drive ¹
April			
May	Gideons	\$ 2,000 ³	FBC Food Pantry
June	Back to School Rally ¹	\$500	School Supplies for Back to School Rally ¹
July			
August	District 8 & Sabine Disaster Relief	\$500 (Divided 50/50 between D8 & Sabine DRs)	Children's Home Food Round Up
September	Georgia Barnett State Missions Offering	WMU ²	Nursing Home Christmas Store
October	Taylor House	\$500	OCC Shoe Boxes
November	Operation Christmas Child		Nursing Home Christmas Store
December	Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	WMU ²	None

¹Emphasis divided over two months.
²WMU will recommend goal to church.
³Goal decided by Evangelism & Missions Committee. Researched and set goal in similar amount to what our church has given in the past.



The Church Staff would like to thank the church for the generous and thoughtful Christmas bonuses that were given in December. We are so appreciative to be able to serve alongside of such a loving and supportive church family. The church and her members are in our prayers and the staff humbly request that you keep each of us and our areas of ministry to the Lord and the church in your daily prayers. Again, thank you so much for your continued, wonderful kindness and generosity.

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 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.

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 appreciated.

2025 Sanctuary Flower Calendar open Now!

Reserve your Sunday for flowers with the Church Office

The 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.





1 Terry Kelly Jr., Lacy Roark
 3 Stacie Bray
 9 Doug Abington, Adrianna Payne
 10 Jayden Gentry
 11 Donna Lites, Katy Arthur

12 Joanne Pickett
 13 David Jordan
 14 Ramona Moore
 15 Debbie Roark
 16 Becky Horner
 19 Colby Strickland
 21 Catherine Gentry

22 Danny Wilson
 24 Levi Booker
 26 Terry Kelly, Sr.
 27 Camdyn Alford
 28 Marsha Gentry
 30 Jacob Scaife

Members in Service :

Greeters		Deacon of the Week
1/5	Nancy Wright, Cathy Kelly	Don Burkett
1/12	Kathy & Danny Warmack	Phillip Roark
1/19	Phyllis Horton, Shirley Salley	Mark Jordan
1/26	Shirley Salley, Delores Geoghagan, and Rocky Wright	Jimmy Bray

Bulletin & Newsletter Deadlines

Bulletin for 1/5 = Thursday 1/2 @ 9 AM
 Bulletin for 1/12 = Thursday 1/9 @ 9 AM
 Bulletin for 1/19 = Thursday 1/16 @ 9 AM
 Bulletin for 1/26 = Thursday 1/23 @ 9 AM
 Newsletter for Feb. = Thursday 1/23 @ 9 AM
To have announcements to be placed in publications, have them to Karen or Phyllis by these deadlines.

Deacon Counters for January – Phillip Roark & Mike Collier

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

Vital Statistics

Financial December 2024

Monthly Budget Needs:	\$ 26,100.97
Gifts Received:	\$ 37,872.76
Budget Needs Exceeded:	\$ 11,771.79

Look Ahead at Upcoming Activities in February:

- Thursday, February 6th – Ladies Bible Study: Ephesians
- Thursday, February 6th – Ladies Book Club
- Saturday, February 8th – Disaster Relief Training @ FBC Covington
- Thursday, February 13th – Ladies Bible Study: Ephesians
- Sunday, February 16th – Lord’s Supper
- Sunday, February 16th – Finance Committee Meeting @ 5 PM
- Tuesday, February 18th – WMU Meeting @ 9:30 AM
- Wednesday, February 19th – Business Meeting @ 6 PM
- Thursday, February 20th – Ladies Bible Study: Ephesians
- Thursday, February 27th – Ladies Bible Study: Ephesians

Sanctity of Life
Sunday
 Sunday, January 19th

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OFFICE STAFF

Interim Pastor – Rev. Mark Robinson

Church & Financial Secretary – Karen Sepulvado

Church Secretary – Phyllis Horton