

Newsletter: March 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

March

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

- 3/2 -3/9 Week of Prayer Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- 3/5 Wednesday Night Activities
- 3/6 Grateful Hearts Book Club
- 3/9 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 3/12 Wednesday Night Activities
- 3/16 OCC Potato Soup Lunch Fundraiser
- 3/16 Finance Committee Meeting
- 3/18 WMU Meeting
- 3/19 Wednesday Night Activities & Business Meeting
- 3/22 Toledo Bend Bapt. Ministry Resort Work Day @ 8AM
- 3/26 Wednesday Night Activities
- 3/28 Fourth Friday Fish Fry

Sunday Service Schedule

Sunday School @ 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service @ 10:30 a.m.

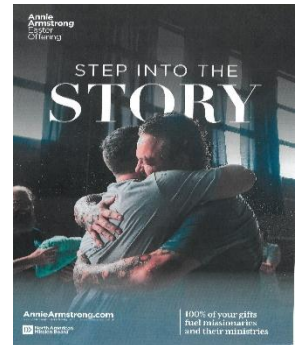
Wednesday Night Activities

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!

ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS WEEK OF PRAYER AND EMPHASIS MARCH 2 – 9

The week of Prayer and Emphasis for Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions is starting this week. Prayer Guides are available in Sunday's bulletin and in various locations in the church. Please utilize these prayer guides and pray fervently for these and all missions and missionaries throughout North America. Our Church Goal is \$3,500 and will be collected during March & April. Please pray about your support in this offering. Thank you for your faithfulness in giving.



Eggs & MORE!



LA Baptist Children's Home Egg & More Drive

It's time for the annual Children's Home Egg Drive. The Home did make some changes to the list of needed items since eggs are a limited commodity this year. The collection list includes: fresh eggs, plastic eggs, gift cards (fast food & entertainment), Kool-Aid/Capri Sun drink pouches, and white towels & washclothes. You can also give a monetary donation so they can purchase eggs. The "Pick Up" date is Tuesday, April 8th. The Home commented that they are amazed how our community has continued to support the children and families they serve through the egg drive for nearly 80 years! Thank you so much! NOTE : If you donate gift cards, please put them in an envelope marked "Children's Home" and place them in the offering boxes or slip them under the church office door.

Fundraiser Lunch for Operation Christmas Child Sunday, March 16th after AM Worship

Potato Soup will be served in the fellowship hall for this fundraiser. You can dine in or take out. There will be a basket at the end of the table for you to make a donation towards the Shoe Boxes this fall. If you plan to have lunch, please sign up in the next couple of weeks at church or contact with the church office. Signing up will help us prepare adequately. Please continue to support the Shoe Box program. Take this opportunity to enjoy a good meal and help a good cause.



Daylight Saving Time will start on Sunday, March 9th at 2 AM. When you go to bed on Saturday, March 8th don't forget to set your clocks **FORWARD** one hour. We want you to be on time for Sunday School, and Morning Worship. It's also a good time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

March's Special Offerings

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions and LA Children's Home Egg & MORE Drive

For March, we have two great mission projects that need your support and prayers. The annual North American Missions Offering (Annie Armstrong) supports missionaries and missions throughout North America. Your funds allow the missions efforts to continue to spread the word and love of Christ. ALSO, the annual Children's Home Egg Drive is underway. See the article on Page 1 for details on the Egg Drive for this year. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Join us for the
**Toledo Bend Baptist Resort
 Ministry's
 2025 Spring Workday**
 Saturday, March 22
 8:00 am
 Lunch provided

Please bring tools/ supplies, according to what activity you would like to participate in... raking/ yard care, cleaning/sanitizing, minor electrical, plumbing and carpentry, etc.

For questions, call or text Mary
 318.452.9731
 Or Danny 318.315.0173

Thank you for your support!

Finance Committee Meeting Sunday, March 16th @ 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.

Business Meeting on Wed., March 19th @ 6 p.m.

Church members need to attend this important Business Meeting on March 19th. 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.



Facebook Live Update

As many of you are aware, for the last few weeks we have been having problems with Facebook Live. We are aware of the issues. The Church Office along with the Media Committee, AVL, and others are working on trying to find a solution. The Live Stream is a very important part of our ministry here at First Baptist Church. It helps us reach those that are unable to attend our service as well as us telling others about our services so they can watch and receive the message. We will update you when we have answers. **NOTE - Our videos and audios of past services are on our website and YouTube page. Log on and check it out as well as share this info with others. The church YouTube account has the worship videos for 2020-2025.** <https://www.youtube.com/@manyfirstbaptistchurch434/videos>

Women's Christian 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 6th @ 2 PM. Bring a friend. For more info, contact the FBC office at 256-5655.

Grateful Hearts Book Club
 March 6, 2025 @ 2 pm
 "Unplanned"
 by Alana Terry

Sanctuary Flower Calendar - Reserve your Sunday for flowers with the Church Office

The 2025 Sanctuary flower calendar has several upcoming open dates available for you to place flowers in memory or honor of family, friends, or loved ones. Open dates include: March 2, March 23, March 30, all of April as well as all of May. Call the church office today to reserve a Sunday or two. 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.

Church Council Meeting = Sunday, April 13th @ 4 PM

Fourth Friday Fish Fry at Clara Springs

On Friday, March 28th, the Fourth Friday Fish Fry at Clara Springs Camp will be held. 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.



Date: March 6, 2025 **Time:** 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Location: FBC Pineville 901 Main St., Pineville, LA 71360

Date: March 8, 2025 **Time:** 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
Location: Temple BC 1515 South Service Road West, Ruston, LA 71270

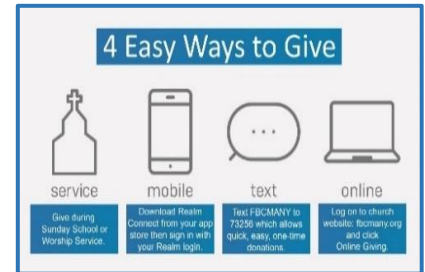
KidMin Expo is Lifeway VBS training and **so much more!** Along with Lifeway VBS, there will be previews of other VBS opportunities *and* training for small group leaders, Wednesday night leaders, special event leaders, and anyone that works with children. So, gather your group, get registered, and join us for a GREAT day!

SBC Disaster Relief Training Opportunities

March 8th @ Trinity BC, Lake Charles

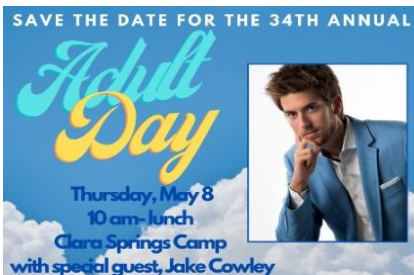
March 28th @ Philadelphia BC, DeVille April 12th @ Temple BC, Ruston

Log on to the State Convention website for more details and to register. labaptists.org



WMU Meeting on Tuesday, March 18th @ 9:30 AM

Ladies interested in learning and participating in various mission projects are encouraged to attend. Please make plans to join this group. See Shirley Salley for more details.



Mark your calendar NOW for the annual District Eight Adult Day at Clara Springs for Thursday, May 8th. The past few years this event filled to capacity well in advance of the day so we need to get our reservations in early. If you would like to attend this fabulous event, please contact the church office by Tuesday, April 22nd so we can reserve a block for our church. Don't miss out so contact the church office ASAP!

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 check records. Your help in making sure our records are correct is appreciated.

Ways to Give Your Tithes & Offerings

- Place in offering boxes 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.

Prayer Card in Offering Boxes

If you have a prayer request that you want to share with us, there are "Prayer Request Cards" located at various entrances. Just drop the card in the offering box and we will add them to the "Prayer List" sheets done on Wednesdays.

PRAY FOR OUR PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

We are asking for your daily prayers for our Pastor Search Committee as they continue the daunting task of seeking the man that the Lord has chosen to be our next Pastor. Members of this committee include:
Jimmy Bray (chairman), Terry Brandon, Tiffeni Campbell, Ramona Moore, and Phillip Roark.



5 Laurie Morrow
8 Jace Alford
11 Mike Collier
12 Brenda Maxey
14 Linda Rumsey
15 Paul Morris,
Bro. Mark Robinson

17 Dale Barnhill, Norman
Booker Jr., Margaret
Leach
18 Jordan Porterfield
21 Trenton Roark
22 Pepper Geoghagan
23 Kaylee Moroski

24 Glenda Merriman
25 Gayle Fisher, Lindsey
Deville
26 Wayne Turner
28 Gavin Roark

Members in Service :

Greeters		Deacon of the Week
3/2	<i>Nancy Wright, Cathy Kelly</i>	Phillip Roark
3/9	<i>Kathy & Danny Warmack</i>	Mark Jordan
3/16	<i>Phyllis Horton, Shirley Salley</i>	Jimmy Bray
3/23	<i>Shirley Salley, Delores Geoghagan, and Rocky Wright</i>	Danny Warmack
3/30	<i>Phyllis Horton, Gary and Ramona Moore</i>	Mike Collier

Bulletin & Newsletter Deadlines

Bulletin for 3/2 = Thursday 2/27 @ 9 AM
 Bulletin for 3/9 = Thursday 3/6 @ 9 AM
 Bulletin for 3/16 = Thursday 3/13 @ 9 AM
 Bulletin for 3/23 = Thursday 3/20 @ 9 AM
 Bulletin for 3/30 = Thursday 3/27 @ 9 AM
 Newsletter for April = Mon. 3/24 @ 9 AM
To have announcements to be placed in publications, have them to Karen or Phyllis by these deadlines.

Deacon Counters for March – Don Burkett & Mark Jordan

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

March's Special Offerings

Annie Armstrong North American Missions and LA Children's Home Eggs & More Drive
Your generosity to both of these mission emphasis' is greatly appreciated.

Look Ahead at Upcoming Activities in April:

- Thursday, April 3rd – Ladies Book Club
- Saturday, April 5th – Bloom on Main
- Sunday, April 6th – Lord's Supper
- Sunday, April 13th – Church Council Meeting @ 4 PM
- Sunday, April 13th – Finance Committee Meeting @ 5 PM
- Tuesday, April 15th – WMU Meeting @ 9:30 AM
- Wednesday, April 16th – Business Meeting @ 6 PM
- Friday, April 18th – Good Friday, Church Office Closed
- Saturday, April 19th – Easter Outreach @ Wildwood Resort Center
- Sunday, April 20th – Easter Sunday

Vital Statistics

Financial February 2025	
Monthly Budget Needs:	\$ 27,334.15
Gifts Received:	\$ 22,651.38
Budget Needs Short:	\$ 4,682.77

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OFFICE STAFF

Interim Pastor – Rev. Mark Robinson
 Church & Financial Secretary – Karen Sepulvado Church Secretary – Phyllis Horton