

Newsletter: July 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

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

7/2 Wednesday Night Activities

7/4 July 4th (Office Closed)

7/6 Sunday School & Worship

7/6 Lord's Supper

7/6 – 7/9 Magnified VBS

7/13 Church Council & Finance Committee Meeting

7/16 Wednesday Night Activities & Business Mtg.

7/20 Sunday School & Worship

7/23 Wednesday Night Activities

7/27 Sunday School & Worship

7/30 Wednesday Night Activities

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!



VBS 2025

“Magnified”

July 6- 9 5 – 8 p.m.

Come join us as we discover the Bigness of God in the smallest of things. We are looking for explorers from preschool through 5th grade. We are excited to have the students from GOLA (Baptist Collegiate Ministry) come and work with us. As we prepare for VBS, pray for everyone involved, that includes workers and children. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Debbie Roark. You can register children by picking up a form at the church, calling 318-256-5655 or email the church at fbcmany@bellsouth.net Mark your calendar now and make plans to join us as we Magnify the greatness of God.

We have flyers available for VBS that you can take and pass out to family and friends. We want to fill this church with children this year for VBS. We want them to experience the love, and goodness of God and FBC Many. The fliers are on the table outside the church office. Don't forget to get registration forms too. Please take some and begin handing them out today!

LORD'S SUPPER SUNDAY, JULY 6TH

On Sunday, July 6th during the AM Worship Service, we will observe the Lord's Supper. We hope that you will come to the Lord's table, and join in this service of remembrance.

Church Office Closed

*Friday, July 4th for Independence Day
Regular office hours will resume on Monday, July 7th.
If an emergency arises during office closures, please refer to the emergency contact numbers listed on page 4 of this newsletter.*



No Wednesday Night Activities on July 9th

Due to having VBS, we will not have our meal or Wednesday Night activities on July 9th. We will resume normal Wednesday night meal & activities on July 16th. If you haven't been attending, now is a great time to start joining in. We have a great time of food, fellowship, and study each week.

Church Council Meeting on Sunday, July 13th @ 4 PM

All church leaders and committee chairpersons are asked to attend. Church Committees are asked to meet prior to Church Council so that events and activities can be planned and be presented at Council Meeting. We plan to set and discuss activities for the rest of 2025. Contact the church office if you have any questions on this or have items to place on the church calendar & agenda.

Items Needed for VBS

We need your help for VBS! We need half gallon cardboard milk cartons (not plastic) and large cans. We need about 20 for crafts for the kids. Please rinse them out and place them in the Children's Sunday School room. Thanks for your help with this.

July's Special Offerings

Back to School Rally = Offering & Supplies

Our church monthly mission emphasis for July is the Sabine Parish Back to School Rally coming up August 2nd. This annual event is a great outreach in our parish and needs our support and prayers. The list of needed items is available at the church and on beside this announcement. Donation boxes are located by the church office and as you enter the Sanctuary. Thanks so very much for your continued support and generosity for the monthly missions emphasis.



Finance Committee Meeting Sunday, July 13th @ 5 p.m.

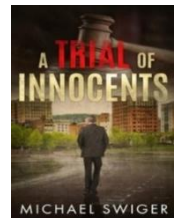
Members of this committee are urged to attend. There are several important items to discuss. If you cannot attend, contact Paul Morris or the church office.

Business Meeting on Wednesday, July 16th @ 6 PM

Church members need to attend this important Business Meeting on July 16th. Several important items are on the agenda as well as other key business matters. Please make plans to attend. Come be a part of the business matters and decisions of the church.

Grateful Hearts Book Club

Ladies! Looking for a Christian book club? Come join us at Many First Baptist Church. Everyone is welcome. We will not meet in July due to VBS taking place during that time. The next book we will discuss is "A Trial of Innocents" by Michael Swiger. Get your book at your favorite bookstore or the library and come ready to discuss it at our meeting on Thursday, August 7th @ 2 PM. Bring a friend. For more info, contact the FBC office at 256-5655.



URGENT NEED - Media Committee Looking for Volunteers!

The Media Committee is seeking volunteers to help with the ministry on Sunday mornings. We need people to help run the sound board, run the computer, or help with the Facebook livestream of our services. Sometimes it's just simply push a button or two. We have people who are willing to help train you plus the audio company is planning to come sometime the middle to end of July for a training. If you are interested in serving, contact the church office or Mark Jordan.

Mid-Year Contribution Statements

Mid-Year contribution statements will be ready in the next couple of weeks. This statement will let you know where you are on your financial gifts to the church so far in 2025. When you receive your statement, please look it over carefully and let us know if you have any questions or if there is an error. We appreciate your financial support of the ministry of Many FBC.

College Scholarship Applications

It is time to apply for the church scholarships. The Bray Memorial Scholarship and the Britt Memorial Scholarship applications can be obtained from the church office. The applications and transcripts will need to be returned to the church by Friday, August 1st. To get more details, contact the church office.



July proclaimed as month of prayer in Louisiana

By Baptist Message staff

BATON ROUGE (LBM) – Louisiana Gov. Jeff Landry has signed a proclamation designating July as a month of prayer. Introduced by State Sen. Rick Edmonds, pastor with First Baptist Church, McComb, Mississippi, the proclamation calls “upon the people of Louisiana to come together during the month of July in a season of prayer and fasting, seeking God’s blessing, protection, and wisdom for our state and nation.”

Jay Johnston, pastor with First Baptist Church, Melville, and leader with the digital prayer site, Somebodyspraying.com, said he is grateful for the state’s recognition of the importance of calling on the Lord.

“There is no more urgent time to seek Him than now,” Johnston told the *Baptist Message*. “The world still stands in the shadow of wars, threats of war, and a growing spiritual unrest. So many souls remain unsaved, and so many prodigals need to return. May the Lord burden our hearts so that we go out and share Jesus, and as we go, let us be faithful to pray for an increase of laborers. May the churches of Louisiana recognize our desperation for God, and we call upon Him to work in our families and churches, to bring healing to our state, to forgive us of all our sinful ways, and to unify us as Louisianans and even greater as brothers and sisters in Christ.

“I pray the churches of Louisiana awaken to our desperate need for God and that Louisiana unite for the cause of Christ. Ephesians 4:3 exhorts us, ‘Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.’”

The Church Office will be closed on Monday afternoons. This will allow the office staff to do some records work, cleaning, and maintenance with minimal interruptions. If it is an emergency, of course we will be there to take care of that. Thank you for your help and understanding about the closure.



Have you seen our Billboard Ads?

Have you heard our new Radio Commercials?


Recently, we updated some of our advertisements. Our church now has a spot on the electronic billboard at the intersection of Highway 171 & Highway 6. Also, Ramona Moore recorded some updated spots for the radio. You can hear them on 107.1 KWLTV. Check them out and let us know what you think.

Ways to Watch our Services

The Facebook Live Stream is a very important part of our ministry here at FBC. 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. Our videos and audios of past services are also 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>

The 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 July 13, & 27 and August 3, 10, 17, & 31. 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.

Sabine Back to School Committee Presents...




Sabine Parish Back to School Rally

For Students in Grades PreK-12
August 2, 2025
9:00 A.M. -12:00 P.M.
Registration Starts @ 9:00 A.M.
Many Elementary School

- Free School Supplies
- Free Hot Dogs
- Free Sno Cones
- Games & Activities
- Giveaways

Children **MUST** be accompanied by a parent/guardian.
Students **MUST** be present to receive School Supplies.





*Dear First Baptist Church,
I want to tell you how much I appreciate the bag of goodies I received. I love you all from the bottom of my heart. I hope I can be back at church to worship with you so.*
Dorothy Alford

Does the church office have your contact information? If you are unsure, please drop us an email with your info (cell #, email, mailing address, anniversary date, etc.) so we can update records. Your help in making sure our member 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.



1 Carolyn Gandy
6 Chloe Leach
7 John Mark Jordan
8 Lucas Lockridge, Matt LaFollette
9 Jan Varnado, John D. Scaife

10 Renetta Geoghagan
11 Gary Moore
12 Sandra Brandon, Cherry Williams
17 Susette Housel, Letishia Miers
19 Jarrod Leach, Terri Talbot
20 Bo Campbell

21 Tiffeni Campbell, Michael Geoghagan
22 John Scaife
24 Verity Gentry
25 Noah Strebeck
28 Mark Evans
30 Mary Jo Wright

Members in Service :

| | Greeters | Deacon of the Week |
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| 7/6 | Nancy Wright, Cathy Kelly | Mike Collier |
| 7/13 | Kathy & Danny Warmack | Paul Morris |
| 7/20 | Phyllis Horton, Shirley Salley | Don Burkett |
| 7/27 | Shirley Salley, Delores Geoghagan, and Rocky Wright | Phillip Roark |

Bulletin & Newsletter Deadlines

Bulletin for 7/6 = Thursday 7/3 @ 9 AM
Bulletin for 7/13 = Thursday 7/10 @ 9 AM
Bulletin for 7/20 = Thursday 7/17 @ 9 AM
Bulletin for 7/27 = Thursday 7/24 @ 9 AM
Newsletter for Aug. = Thursday 7/24 @ 9 AM
To have announcements to be placed in publications, have them to Karen or Phyllis by these deadlines.

Deacon Counters for July – Jimmy Bray & Don Burkett

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 June 2025

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| Monthly Budget Needs: | \$ 27,334.15 |
| Gifts Received: | \$ 41,929.38 |
| Budget Needs Exceeded: | \$ 14,595.23 |

Look Ahead at Upcoming Activities in August:

- Saturday, August 2nd – Back to School Rally
- Thursday August 7th – Grateful Hearts Book Club
- Sunday, August 17th – Finance Meetings
- Wednesday, August 20th – Business Meeting @ 6 PM

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OFFICE STAFF

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