

Newsletter: March 2026

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

- 3/1 Sunday School & Worship
- 3/1-3/8 Week of Prayer for Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- 3/4/Wednesday Night Activities
- 3/5 Grateful Hearts Book Club
- 3/8 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 3/8 Sunday School & Worship
- 3/11 Wednesday Night Activities
- 3/15 Sunday School & Worship
- 3/15 Finance Comm. Meeting
- 3/17 WMU Meeting
- 3/18 Wednesday Night Activities & Business Meeting
- 3/22 Sunday School & Worship
- 3/25 NSU-BCM Luncheon
- 3/25 Wednesday Night Activities
- 3/27 Fourth Friday Fish Fry @ Clara Springs
- 3/29 Sunday School & Worship

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 1 - 8

The week of prayer and emphasis for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is March 1 - 8. Prayer Guides are included in Sunday's bulletin. A reminder of the missionary to pray for will be posted on our Facebook page each day. Use this prayer guide to learn more about their mission and specific prayer needs. Offering envelopes are placed in the pews and throughout the church. our goal is \$3,500. pray about your financial support for this offering.



NSU – BCM Lunch Wednesday, March, 25th

The WMU will be hosting lunch at the BCM at NSU on Wednesday March 25th. We are asking for volunteers to help serve the students at the BCM. We also need donations of little Debbie Snacks to have with the lunch, and for students to take to go. We ask that you pray for the volunteers as we serve the college students. If you need further info contact the Church office or Shirley Salley.



TOLEDO BEND BAPTIST RESORT 2026 SPRING WORKDAY

Saturday, March 21st @ 8 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 Mary or Danny at 318-645-6601 or 318-452-9731.

Missions and Evangelism Committee Meeting Wednesday, March 4th @ 4:30 p.m.

There will be a meeting of the Missions and Evangelism Committee at 4:30 p.m. It is important that all committee members attend. Some items on the agenda include completing plans for the Bloom on Main, Wildwood Easter Event, and Student Food bags for Spring break. If you have any questions, please contact Virginia Burkett.

The Church Office needs your help in making sure our contact information is correct. Recently, these forms helped us to make sure we were able to share information about canceling service due to the weather. Over the past few years, we have received returned mail and emails and/or do not have a correct phone numbers. Church Information Update sheets are located on the back table in the sanctuary and on the table by the church office. You can contact the office and we can mail or email you a form. We can take your info over the phone. Contact the church office if you have questions. Thanks for your help.



We're Updating Our Member Info!



Daylight Saving Time will start on Sunday, March 8th at 2 AM. When you go to bed on Saturday, March 7th 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. If you need help with these tasks, please contact the church office.

SBC Disaster Relief Training Opportunities

Saturday, March 28th @ FBC, Pineville

Saturday, April 11th @ Temple BC, Ruston

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

Business Meeting on Wednesday, March 18th @ 6 p.m.

Church members need to attend this important meeting. Several key items will be discussed and voted on. Please make plans to attend the Business Meeting. Come be a part of the business matters and decisions of the church.

Finance Committees Meeting Sunday, March 15th @ 5 p.m.

All members of this committee are urged to attend. If you cannot attend, contact Paul Morris or the church office.



We're growing and it's a beautiful thing! Recently, we have welcomed several people to our church family by transfer of letter. Joining us are Deanna Pearce, Larry & Carla Parrie, Ken & Terri Webb, Genia Kleven, Sharon Winkle, Bill Stagsdill, and Chris & Jessica Gatti. We're so excited to walk alongside you in faith, prayer, and service. Let's make sure they feel right at home!

W.M.U. Meeting Tuesday, March 17th @ 9:30 AM

Ladies that are interested in learning and participating in missions are invited to attend.

Bereavement Committee in Need of Volunteers

We are in the process of updating our list of people to help with bereavement meals. If you could possibly make a dish or help serve during the meals, please contact the Church Office at 256-5655 to be added so that you can be contacted when the need arises. Thank you for considering to assist this ministry.

4 Easy Ways to Give



service

Give during Sunday School or Worship Service.



mobile

Download Realm Connect from your app store then sign in with your Realm login.



text

Text FBCMANY to 73256 which allows quick, easy, one-time donations.



online

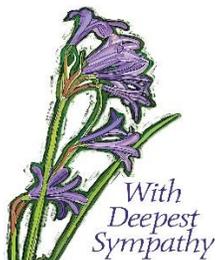
Log on to church website: fbcmany.org and click Online Giving.

Grateful Hearts Book Club

Ladies! Looking for a Christian book club? Come join us at Many First Baptist Church. Everyone is welcome. Thursday, March 5th at 2 p.m. as we discuss this month's selection "Strangers in Time" by David Baldacci. We encourage you to bring a friend along. This is a good opportunity for good Christian fellowship. For more info, contact the office at 256-5655.

Wednesday Nights are Fabulous at Many FBC!

Join us Wednesday Nights for a great time of food, fellowship, and study. Our meal is covered dish so bring a dish or two and come have dinner with us. Prayer Meeting and Bible Studies begin at 6. Folks have really been enjoying this time of informal discussions, talking about current events, and Biblical applications. We have studies and activities for our kids and youth during this time. If you have not been attending, you are missing out!



Our church family celebrates the life and legacy of Lucille DeWitt, who faithfully served our church for over 70 years and loved with a Christ-like heart. On February 19th, she stepped into glory and heard the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant." A celebration of her homegoing was held at our church on February 23rd and the church was filled with many family and friends. Please lift the DeWitt family in prayer, trusting in God's comfort and peace. Our deepest sympathies to Suzanne Worsham, Johnny DeWitt, Debbie Roark, and Laurie Morrow and the entire family.

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 Church Flower Calendar for 2026 is now open. If you have a particular Sunday or two in mind that you would like to place flowers in our Sanctuary, please contact the church office so we can schedule you for a date. The flowers that are placed in the Sanctuary add so much beauty to our worship experience.

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

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.



Words from Bro. Wade –

Song of Solomon 2:12-13 "The flowers appear on the earth; The time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grapes give a good smell."

You can't mistake the freshness of spring each year. Everything about spring breathes life and newness. The pastures are turning green, trees are budding out, and we start to see young animals showing up throughout the next few months. We should all lift our faces to God and thank Him for fresh new starts in life. Nature has its fresh start during spring after cold winters and God gives us fresh starts in life after hard, difficult times. I am so glad that God holds tomorrow and that we can look to Him for breaths of life and newness. We don't have to remain in the past, in the cold days of our lives. God creates freshness for us to walk in. Thank God for forgiveness and in Him we become a new creation.

I pray that we look forward to the freshness that God wants to spring up in our lives.

Bro. Wade



1 Carla Parrie
 4 Kristy Knippers
 5 Laurie Morrow
 8 Jace Alford
 11 Mike Collier
 12 Brenda Maxey
 14 Linda Rumsey

15 Paul Morris
 17 Dale Barnhill, Norman
 Booker Jr., Margaret
 Leach
 19 Larry Parrie
 21 Trenton Roark,
 Maegan Burkett

24 Glenda Merriman
 25 Gayle Fisher, Lindsey
 Deville
 26 Wayne Turner
 28 Gavin Roark
 29 Ken Freeman, Gentry
 Payne

Members in Service :

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Greeters	Deacon of the Week
3/1	Cathy Kelly & Nancy Wright Danny Warmack
3/8	Shirley Salley & Danny Warmack Mike Collier
3/15	Phyllis Horton & Shirley Salley Paul Morris
3/22	Shirley Salley, Delores Geoghagan, and Rocky Wright Don Burkett
3/29	Phyllis Horton, Gary and Ramona Moore Phillip Roark

Bulletin & Newsletter Deadlines

Bulletin for 3/1 = Thursday 2/26 @ 9 AM

Bulletin for 3/8 = Thursday 3/5 @ 9 AM

Bulletin for 3/15 = Thursday 3/12 @ 9 AM

Bulletin for 3/22 = Thursday 3/19 @ 9 AM

Bulletin for 3/29 = Thursday 3/26 @ 9 AM

Newsletter for April = Thursday 3/26 @ 9 AM

To have announcements to be placed in publications, have them to Karen or Phyllis by these deadlines.

Deacon Counters for March – Danny Warmack & Mark Jordan

Look Ahead at Upcoming Activities in April:

- Thursday, April 2nd – Ladies Book Club
- Friday, April 3rd – Church Office Closed – Good Friday
- Saturday, April 4th – Bloom on Main and Wildwood Easter Outreach Event
- Sunday, April 5th – Easter Sunday
- Sunday, April 19th @ 5 PM – Finance Comm. Mtg.
- Tuesday, April 21st @ 9:30 AM – WMU Meeting
- Wednesday, April 22nd – Business Meeting
- Friday, April 24th – Fourth Friday Fish Fry @ CS

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 membership records is correct is appreciated.

Vital Statistics

Financial February 2026

Monthly Budget Needs:	\$ 35,684.58
Gifts Received:	\$ 31,430.38
Budget Needs Short:	\$ 4,254.20

Emergency Contact Numbers

First Baptist Church of Many

Church Office = (318)256-5655

M – F 8 AM – 4 PM

AFTER HOURS CONTACTS:

Bro. Wade Penfield = (318)315-2426

Karen Sepulvado = (318)508-1138

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OFFICE STAFF

Pastor – Rev. Wade Penfield

Church & Financial Secretary – Karen Sepulvado

Church Secretary – Phyllis Horton