

Newsletter: September 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

9/2 Wednesday Night Activities
9/3 Ladies Book Club 2 p.m.
9/4 MHS Tailgate
9/6 Sunday School & Worship
9/7 Labor Day – Office Closed
9/9 Wednesday Night Activities
9/13 Sunday School & Worship
9/13 Budget & Finance Mtg. @ 5
9/16 **NO ACTIVITIES**
9/18 MHS Tailgate
9/20 Roundup Sunday
9/22 WMU Meeting
9/23 Wednesday Night Activities & Business Meeting
9/25 4th Friday Fish Fry
9/27 Sunday School & Worship
9/30 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!

ROUND UP SUNDAY ON SEPTEMBER 20th

CHUCK WAGON BREAKFAST AND GUEST PREACHER

Get ready to "Round Up" people to come to Many FBC for a special day on Sunday, September 20th. Bro. James Lee "Peanut" Copes and his wife Lori will be here and prepare us a real "Chuck wagon" breakfast which will begin at 9 AM. This will take the place of our Sunday School time. We have also been hearing that there may be a horse or two kids can pet or maybe even ride. At 10:30 AM, Bro. Peanut will also preach a message from God's word during the Worship Service. You are encouraged to come in your western attire or dress casual that day. Begin to ROUND UP folks giving them a "Yee Haw" for this Round Up coming up soon! See ya here, Partner!!



Last Chance to Donate Items to LBCH- Fall Food Roundup

Wednesday, September 9th morning is the deadline to bring items for the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home Fall Food Round Up. We have baskets set up across from the office and in the Sanctuary. List of items needed are on the table across from the Church Office or you can go to LBCH.org to see the list. The Children's Home will be here on Wednesday, September 9th morning to pick up the items. If you would rather make a financial contribution, you can do that as well. Contact the church office for more information.

Every year Louisiana Baptists take up an offering dedicated to help fund missions and ministries around the state. The Georgia Barnette State Missions Offering will be collected during September and the church goal is \$3,500 so please be generous in supporting this offering. The money received through the offering is used by God to transform the lives of people and churches in Louisiana. Prayer guides and offering envelopes are available throughout the church. GBO supports many missions efforts including our very own Toledo Bend Baptist Resort Ministry as well as the GOLA teams that helped make our VBS a tremendous, plus much more. Pray for the lost in our state and the missionaries, especially our Toledo Bend Baptist Resort Ministry.



Brief Meeting for Discussion and Decision concerning Kitchen Remodel

**** Wednesday Evening, September 2nd ****

There will be a brief urgent/ time sensitive discussion and decision concerning the Kitchen Renovation. This will take place immediately following the Wednesday Meal. Make every effort to be in attendance, so you can take part in the decisions concerning our Kitchen Project.

*Bro. Forest (Bo) Owens to be speak
Wednesday, September 2nd*

Bro. Bo Owens will be here on September 2nd during Wednesday Night Service. Bro. Bo will be here to speak and share info about Sherry Bumstead and her mission work in Zambia, Africa. Put this on your calendar so you can be present to hear about the work Sherry is doing.

Important Changes Due Kitchen Model Work

Due to work that will need to be done leading up to our Kitchen Remodel project, the church building **CANNOT** be occupied during the week of September 14 - 19. We need to adjust and/or cancel some meetings and activities as well as the church office being closed for a few days. If things change, as soon as we know more announcements will be made via bulletin, email, etc. on these changes. Please keep close watch on these platforms for notices.

NOTE - This is an example of why the church office needs your correct email! Please contact the church office so you will get these notices. Send email to fbcmany@yahoo.com to be added to our list.

Missions and Evangelism Committee Meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 2nd & 9th

There will be a Mission and Evangelism Committee Meeting, Wednesday, September 2nd and 9th right after Prayer Meeting. It is important that all Committee Members attend.



Church Office Closures

Thursday, September 3rd for Church Biz Conference

*The Office will be closed so Karen and Phyllis can attend the Church Biz conference.
and Monday, September 7th for Labor Day*

Please make note of these office closures and plan accordingly. You may use the Emergency Contact Numbers in the monthly Newsletter to contact the staff during any office closure.

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEES TO MEET ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH IN FORMER YOUTH ROOM

It's time to begin preparations for the 2027 Church Budget. At the Finance Committee Meeting on September 13th at 5 PM, the Budget Committee members are encouraged to attend and pick up your packets. All committees who have budget line items are asked to meet between September 13th and October 5th with your committees so that you can plan your budget request for the 2027 Budget. The next Budget Planning meeting will be Monday, October 5th at 6 PM to begin "plugging in" figures. If you have any questions about these meetings, please contact Paul Morris or Karen in the office. We ask everyone to give prayerful thought on budget requests and planning as we seek to grow His Kingdom.

Sabine Baptist Association Annual Meeting

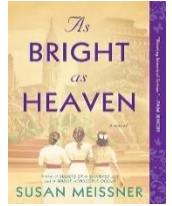
**FBC Many on Monday,
September 28th**

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

It's Football season!! Our church, Alford Heights BC, Calvary BC, and Siloam BC are teaming up and hosting a tailgating spot for the Many High School home games. The spot will be near the field house, facing the field. Starts at 5 PM. On September 4th as Calvary BC will host the meal. Other dates are September 18th, October 3rd, October 30th, and November 6th. Our church host on November 6th. Bring a lawn chair as well as a friend and join us for tailgating.

Grateful Hearts Book Club

Ladies come join us this Thursday Sept. 3rd at 2 p.m. as we discuss this month's selection "As Bright as Heaven" by Susan Meissner. We encourage you to bring a friend along. This is a good opportunity for good Christian fellowship.



Join us Wednesday Nights for a great time of food, fellowship, and study. Our meal is covered dish at 5:30 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!

THESE MEETING DATES CHANGED DUE TO KITCHEN WORK!!

W.M.U. Meeting - Tuesday, Sept. 22nd @ 9:30 AM

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

Business Meeting - Wednesday, September 23rd @ 6 PM

Members are encouraged to attend and take part in the business matters of the church. Several items are on the agenda. Contact church office for details.



Are you looking for a way to serve our church and church family? Praying is a way we all can be a part of a very valuable part of ministry. We are in the process of "rebuilding" our Prayer Chain group. If you would be interested in being a part of our Prayer Chain at FBC, we would love to include you. The Prayer Chain gets notified (usually by email) if there are special or urgent requests or need for prayers. For more info or to be included in our Prayer Chain group, please contact the Church office by email at fbcmany@bellsouth.net.

Prayer List Refresh

We are in the process of updating our church prayer list to ensure it remains current. If you would like a name to remain on the list, add a new prayer request, or share an update, please contact the church office by Friday, September 11th. Names without an update may be removed after that time but can always be added again as needed. We also have "Prayer Request Cards" in various areas of the church that you can use to provide prayer requests, updates, or corrections and turn into the office. The Prayer List are created weekly on Wednesdays for our Prayer Meeting time and copies are located in various places in the church. Thank you for helping us care for and pray faithfully for one another.

Ways to Provide Prayer Concerns & Updates:

- Share at Wednesday Prayer Meeting
- Email church office: fbcmany@yahoo.com or fbcmany@bellsouth.net
- Call the church office (318)256-5655
- Fill out a "Prayer Request Card" and drop in offering plate/box or bring to church office.

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.

Special Called Business Meeting on Wednesday, October 7th

On Wednesday, October 7th, our Kitchen Renovation Committee has requested a special called Business Meeting. The purposed of this meeting will be to approve a bids and select the contractor for our Kitchen Renovation. This meeting will take place at 6:00 p.m. Please continue to be in prayer for our renovation project and the committee.

Christmas Music Choir Practices begin Wednesday, September 23rd

"Glorious Night ... When Christ was Born"

Practices on Wednesday Nights after Bible Studies

Presentation is Sunday, December 13th @ 6 PM



Our church choir is about to begin practices for our annual Christmas music. Practice will begin September 23rd. This is going to be great music that we believe you are going to love and it has a great message. If you would like to be a part of the choir for this music, please see Mike Collier. He can get you the CD and music books so that you can start reviewing. We can't wait for this great performance. Come join our choir and be a part of this fabulous Christmas program.



Our church family has been greatly blessed with not one but TWO newborns during the month of August. Isn't God good!?

Welcome to Hadley Mildred Cummings who made her arrival on August 7th at 8:18 a.m. Her excited family includes parents Cameron and Cheyenne along with big brother, Drake. Grandparents are Jeff & Heather Cummings and Great-Grandparents Merrill & Linda Cummings. She is such a precious, adorable little one! Congrats to the Cummings family.

On August 10th, Vivian (aka Vivi) became a proud big sister to Samuel Ross Wagner who was born at 3:14 p.m. Caleb & Alexis are the honored parents of this sweet little boy. Chris & Jessica Gatti are thrilled at the arrival of their newest grandchild. Congratulations to the Wagner family and welcome Samuel (he's so cute!).

The new Church Year begins September 1st. This is also an excellent opportunity for you to make a commitment to start back attending our church services regularly. If you know someone who hasn't been at church for a while, take this opportunity contact them and invite them back. We have postcards that you can use to drop them note in the mail. Contact the church office for more details on this. Join us on Sunday Mornings and Wednesday Evenings. Let us all do our part in helping our church grow by inviting someone to church.



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 in 2026. When you receive your statement, please look it over and let us know if you have any questions. We appreciate your financial support of FBC.

FOURTH FRIDAY FISH FRY
at Clara Springs = September 25th
Come enjoy a great time of fellowship at the
Fourth Friday Fish Fry at Clara Springs. Cost: \$15
adults, Kids 10-17 \$10, Kids 9 & under---FREE
Time: Serving starts at 5:00pm

We have some upcoming dates open for Flowers for the Sanctuary, including some in August and September. If you have a specific date in mind (birthday, anniversary, etc.) contact the church office to secure your date in advance. This is a great way to remember your loved ones as well as honor someone in a special way. The flowers that are placed in our sanctuary add so much beauty to our worship experience and are greatly appreciated.



Are you signed up on the church's "Realm" program? If not, please call or email to the church office so that we can send you an email invite. Realm is the church's membership program. You can update your contact info, make contributions, see your contributions to the church, upload profile photo, and much more. This is a great tool and we plan to utilize some new things with Realm soon. Get signed up today!

Ways to Give Your Tithes & Offerings

- Place in offering plate during worship service.
- 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.fbcmmany.org/giving or Text FBCMANY to 73256.

With our Kitchen Renovation, we have purchased a new cooktop and double oven. Our current range (natural gas, 4 burners, double oven) will not be used. If any of our church members are interested in it, they are asked to contact Karen in the church office by Friday, September 18th. It will be given on a “first come, first serve” basis and must be picked up from the church no later than September 30th.



1 Heath Barnhill, Alivia Roark
2 Tripp Roark
6 Keaton Booker, Kayden Booker, Ann Wright, Haley McCarty
7 Rocky Wright

9 Drew Payne
10 Austin Payne
13 Tucker Roark
14 Mary Byles, Titus Hollingsworth
16 Wesley Fredieu
19 Dorothy Alford

23 Scott Lites, Kalei Sepulvado, Joseph Rogers
25 Charles Richey
27 Caleb Wagner
29 Megan Nichols
30 Jeff Cummings, Andrea Payne

Members in Service :

	Greeters	Deacon of the Week
9/6	Cathy Kelly & Nancy Wright	Jimmy Bray
9/13	Shirley Sally & Danny Warmack	Danny Warmack
9/20	Phyllis Horton & Shirley Salley	Mike Collier
9/27	Shirley Salley, Delores Geoghagan, and Rocky Wright	Paul Morris

Bulletin & Newsletter Deadlines

Bulletin for 9/6 = Thursday 9/3 @ 9 AM

Bulletin for 9/13 = Thursday 9/10 @ 9 AM

Bulletin for 9/20 = Thursday 9/17 @ 9 AM

Bulletin for 9/27 = Thursday 9/24 @ 9 AM

Newsletter for October = Thursday 9/24 @ 9 AM

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

Deacon Counters for September – Mike Collier & Mark Jordan

Look Ahead at Upcoming Activities in October:

- Thursday, October 1st – Grateful Hearts Book Club 2 p.m.
- Friday, October 2nd – MHS Tailgate
- Monday, October 5th – Budget & Finance Committee Mtg.
- Wednesday, October 7th – Special Called Business Mtg.
- Sunday, October 11th – Church Council Meeting
- Saturday, October 17th – Outreach Event @ Fall Fest
- Sunday, October 18th – Rev. Jack Bell preaching
- Sunday, October 18th @ 5 PM – Finance Comm. Mtg.
- Tuesday, October 20th – WMU Meeting @ 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, October 21st – Business Meeting
- Monday, October 26th – Journey Together for Young Women

Vital Statistics

Financial August 2026

Monthly Budget Needs:	\$ 35,684.58
Gifts Received:	\$ 30,684.58
Budget Needs Short:	\$ 5,241.20

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)315-2534

Karen Sepulvado = (318)508-1138

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OFFICE STAFF

Pastor – Rev. Wade Penfield

Church & Financial Secretary – Karen Sepulvado

Church Secretary – Phyllis Horton

The Church Office needs your help in making sure we have your contact information correct on our files. Recently, 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 office. You can contact the office and we can mail or email a form or take your info over the phone. Contact the church office if you have questions. Thanks for helping us by filling out the Church Information Update Sheets.



Children Working on Racecars During Wednesday Night Activities

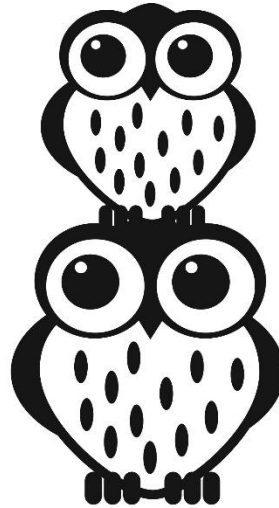
Beginning on Wednesday, September 2nd the Children will begin working on building racecars. If your kids or grandkids would like to participate, please make sure they are here on Wednesday nights. Race Night will be sometime in October. Hope to see a bunch of racers here on Wednesday nights.



WISDOM FROM THE WORD

God makes a special promise to people who study Scripture.

Directions: Arrange the word list in alphabetical order. Then write the circled letters in order below to complete Joshua 1:8, NIV.

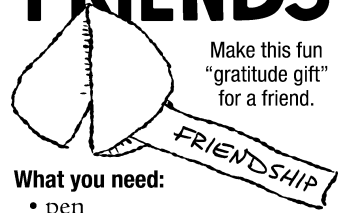
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	paper	— ○ —
	wisdom	— — ○ —
	read	— — — ○
	play	— — — — —
	learn	○ — — — —
	grow	— ○ — — — —
	pencils	— — — —
	pray	— ○ — —
	art	— — — —
student	— — — ○ — —	
kids	— — ○ — — —	
apple	— — ○ — — —	

“... meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be — — — — — and successful.”

JOSHUA 1:8, NIV

Answer: apple, art, grow, kids, learn, paper, pencils, play, pray, read, school, student, wisdom, prosperous

Fortunate FRIENDS



Make this fun “gratitude gift” for a friend.

What you need:

- pen
- round object to trace (about 4 inches across)
- lightweight colored paper
- scissors
- ruled notebook paper
- Chinese food takeout box (or small paper gift bag)
- hot glue gun

What you do:

1. Trace circles onto the colored paper and cut them out.
2. Cut strips of notebook paper and write messages to a friend (or Bible verses about friendship).
3. Fold each circle in half without making a crease. Secure the top center edge with glue.
4. Pull the outside edges together by creating a bend in the center of the paper. Undo the bend and insert the fortune.
5. Re-bend the “cookie” into shape and add glue inside to hold it in place.
6. Put all the “cookies” in a takeout box and give to your friend.