

*Welcome To
First Baptist Church
Many, Louisiana*



December 17, 2023

First Baptist Church

Ministry Leaders

Rev. Mark Robinson Interim Pastor

Mike Collier Music Leader

Worship Team

Glenda Merriman	Pianist	Merrill Cummings	Organist
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Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of Advent Candle.....The Roarks

Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions

Call to Worship

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come Hymn # 181

Invocation.....Deacon of the Week.....Paul Morris

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Luke’s Little Leaders

Angels, from the Realms of Glory Hymn # 179

How Great Our Joy Hymn # 202

Special Music

Message.....Rev. Mark Robinson

Invitation.....*More Love to Thee, O Christ*.....Hymn # 559

Benediction.....*Sunshine in My Soul*.....Hymn # 560

Birthdays: Kimberly Horton (18), Paige Alford (19), and Andy Knippers (20).

Watch our Sunday Morning Worship Services live on our Facebook page. If you cannot join us in person, please use this way to worship with us each week.

Ways to Give Your Tithes Offerings

- Place in offering plate as you enter or exit the Sanctuary.
- Mail to Church (P.O. Box 239, Many, LA 71449).
- Come by the church office during office hours.

<i>December’s Offering: Lottie Moons Missions Offering</i>	
<i>Our Church Goal:</i>	\$6,000.00
<i>Offerings Received:</i>	\$2,760.00
<i>Amount Remaining of goal:</i>	\$3,240.00

Members in Service :		
	Greeters	Deacon of the Week
12/17	Dorothy Alford, Shirley Salley	Paul Morris
12/24	Delores Geoghagan, Shirley Salley, and Rocky Wright	Don Burkett

Activities This Week

Today	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service & Livestream
	11:00 a.m.	KWLV (107.1 FM) radio
	5:00 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Christmas Musical
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Meal
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Meeting & Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Business Meeting
Thursday	11:30 a.m.	XYZ Bible Study
Next Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service & Live Stream
	11:00 a.m.	KWLV (107.1 FM) radio

Prayer Concerns:

Merilyn Booker, Kathy Byles,
Merrill & Linda Cummings, Dub Gentry,
Becky Horner, Ginger Jordan, Terry Kelly, Sr.,
Kristi Leach, Margaret Leach, Eddie Moore,
Jeff Morrow, Dovie Tarver, O.E. Varnado,
Claude Weatherford, and Mary Jo Wright

Vital Statistics

Financial		Attendance		
December 2023		Date	Sun. School	Worship
Monthly Budget Needs:	\$25,960.40	12/3	33	42
Gifts Received to date:	17,618.00	12/10	38	49
Budget Needs Remaining:	\$ 8,342.40	12/17		
		12/24		
		12/31		

Wednesday Night Meal Menu for Dec. 20th

Chicken Tortilla Soup.

Please bring a Dessert. Pot Luck No Charge.

Note: If you plan to eat with us, **RSVP to the Church**

Office by Tuesday at noon. Call 256-5655 or email

fbcmany@bellsouth.net

Remember
to **RSVP**

Finance Committee Meeting

Today @ 5 p.m.

There are several important items to discuss. It is important that all members of this committee attend.



***Christmas Musical
Tonight @ 6:00 p.m.
Invite Family and Friends
to attend. Nursery Provided.
Refreshments will be served
in the Fellowship Hall
following the program.***

Business Meeting

Wednesday, December 20th @ 6:00 PM

It is time for our monthly business meeting. There are several important items that will be discussed. We encourage all our church members to come and participate in the decision making of the church.

Lottie Moon International Missions Offering Church Goal - \$6,000

Lottie Moon International Missions Offering
Please continue to be in prayer and support the Lottie Moon International Missions Offering. We have the prayer guides and offering envelopes available throughout the church.

For more information and resources go to www.imb.org

Christmas Eve Service Schedule

Sunday school @ 9:30 a.m.,
Worship Service @ 10:30 a.m.

Come join us for this special time of Worship as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Invite family and friends.



No Activities & Studies Week of Christmas

Due to the Christmas holiday, we will not have our Wednesday Night activities on December 27th or our XYZ Bible Study on Thursday, December 28th. We will return to our regular activities the following week.

End of Year Contributions

Please have donations that you would like to count toward your 2023 contribution statement into the church office by no later than Sunday, December 31st. If you would like to know what your year to date contributions are, check your Realm account or contact Karen at the church office.



**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR
CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR HOLIDAY
FRIDAY, DEC. 22 & MONDAY, DEC.
25, & MONDAY, JANUARY 1ST.**

Winter Bible Study

“Blessings of the Kingdom”

Sermon on the Mount

Sunday, February 4th @ 10:30 AM & 6 PM

February 5th - 7th @ 6 PM

Bro. Jack Bell will lead the 5 session study.

There is a sign- up sheet located on the table by the Church Office. Study books will be free to church members but if you would like to offset the expense, they are \$9.00 each. Invite family and friends to join us for this study.

Please sign up by Thursday, Jan. 11th.

**The Mattingly Family in Concert
Sunday, December 31st 10:30 AM
More details coming soon.**

Flower Calendar 2024

January will start a new Flower Calendar for 2024. If you would like to have a special day to place flowers in the Sanctuary, please call the church so we put it on the calendar.

Thank you to everyone for putting flowers in the Sanctuary during 2023. They added so much beauty to our Sanctuary.



Sermon Notes:

Church Family,

When we all pray together in the church, at home, and for others, it shows that we're united in our faith and that we're striving to become closer to God. However, prayer is not a magic formula that will always give us what we want. Sometimes we have to pray for things even though we don't know what the answer will be. God is always willing to hear us when we pray, but He may not always give us what we ask for. That's because He knows what's best for us, and sometimes His plan doesn't include giving us what we want. Prayer is also more than just asking for things. It is a time to come before God and worship Him, to thank Him for all He's done for us, and to build our relationship with Him.

We, as your Pastor Search Committee, are striving to search for the pastor that God is preparing for our church and church family. This is not a task that we take lightly. Each of you took the first step by praying and listening to the Lord on who you wanted to serve on this committee. We are committed to pray, listen, and follow the Lord's guidance through this process. We pray that everyone has a Blessed and Merry Christmas.

Again, truly I tell you that if two on earth agree about everything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.

Matthew 18:19-20

Pastor Search Committee

