

Newsletter: October 2023

ELECTION OF PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

Sunday, October 8th right after AM Worship Service

The Deacons have called upon the church to elect a Pastor Search Committee. Letters explaining the process as well as a list of the current resident adult members were mailed out on September 21st. Church members are asked to be in fervent prayer for God's direction in this process and guidance on this committee in addition the man He has chosen to become our next Pastor. If you have any questions on this, please contact the church office. All church members are asked to make every effort to attend service on Sunday, October 8th so they can vote for who to elect on this committee.



Operation Christmas Child

October starts our focus on Operation Christmas Child. You are asked to take a box or two or more and fill them to be used by Samaritans Purse to be distributed around the world as they share about Christ. If you would like to make monetary donations, we can accept those as well. Please turn in money by Sunday, October 29th so our "elves" will have time to shop before the Shoe Box Packing Party. Boxes will need to be returned by Sunday, November 12th. More details will be in the upcoming Sunday bulletins. Thank you for always supporting this ministry.

Our Church to Participate in Town of Many Trick or Treat

Tuesday, October 31st from 3 – 5 PM

We will pass out candy and tracts to the kids on Tuesday, October 31st as part of the Town of Many Trick or Treat. We need your help! We need bags of individually wrapped candy and goodies for 1,000+ bags so we need about 10,000 pieces of individually wrapped candy. No hard candy (jaw-breakers) or suckers (anything with a stick on the end) please. We also need volunteers to help bag candy on October 26th as well as to help set up table that Tuesday afternoon and to pass out the candy bags. Contact Mary Gore for more info.



Church Council Meeting on Sunday, October 1st @ 4 p.m.

This quarterly meeting is for Church leaders and Committee Chairpersons who are urged to attend so we can discuss and place events and activities for the remainder of 2023 and for 2023 to the church calendar.

Budget & Finance Committee Meeting October 2nd @ 6 PM

We will begin plugging in the 2024 Church Budget figures. A light meal will be served. Members of this committee and committee chairpersons are urged to be prepared to present your 2024 budget figures. If you have any questions on this, please contact Paul Morris or the church office.

5TH SUNDAY SINGING
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH @ 6 PM

Looking for Voices for 5th Sunday Singing & Christmas Music

We are in need of your singing voice! We have a couple of great opportunities for you to lift up your voice in song. On Sunday, October 29th, we will have a 5th Sunday Singing at 6 PM. If you are interested in singing a solo, be a part of a duet, or group, please contact Tiffeni Campbell.



Mike Collier is leading us in a Christmas Musical entitled "Behold Emanuel ... Love Is With Us". This is tentatively set for the evening of Sunday, December 17th. We really need your voice to join us in this telling of our Savior's birth. Ask a friend or two to join you and participate. Rehearsals are set to begin on Wednesday, October 11th following the Wednesday evening activities. See Mike Collier for more details.

2023 Flower Calendar Has Openings

We have the following dates open for Sanctuary Flowers: October 29th, November 5th, and November 12th. If you would like to place flowers, please call the church office as soon as possible so that we can mark your reservation on the calendar. We deeply appreciate everyone who places flowers in our church.

MONTHLY DEACONS MEETING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15TH @ 6:00 PM

This will be the regular monthly meeting and all Deacons are urged to attend. Pray for our Deacons and their ministry to our church.

Finance Committee Meeting

Sunday, October 15th @ 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.



We encourage everyone to join us Wednesday evenings for a great meal and a good time for Christian fellowship. Cost of meals are \$3 per person with a max of \$15 per family. Please be sure to RSVP so we can get a more accurate number of the meals that need to be prepared. Menus are posted in the Sunday bulletins. We appreciate your help with these items and for joining us at the Wednesday Night Meals.

Fourth Friday Fish Fry at Clara Springs

Friday, October 27th is the next fish fry at Clara Springs Camp. 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.**

Wednesday Night Activities

Meal @ 5:30 PM

Prayer Meeting & Devotion @ 6:00 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 room. We have a great time of food, fellowship, and study so come join us!

Chicken Spaghetti Fundraiser for Shoe Boxes on Sunday, October 22nd

Please Sign up for Meal!

On Sunday, October 22nd right after the Morning Worship Service, we will have a fundraiser to help with the Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes. Chicken Spaghetti is on the menu. We kindly ask that you SIGN UP for the number of meals that you would like that day so we can prepare adequately. You can eat in the fellowship hall or fix a "To Go" plate. This will be by donation. Please help in making this year's Shoe Box event a great success!



W.M.U. Meeting

Tuesday, October 17th @ 9:30 AM

All ladies who are interested in learning and participating in various mission activities are invited to attend. Contact Shirley Salley for more info.

Business Meeting

Wednesday, October 18th @ 6 p.m.

There are several important item to discuss and vote on (including the Pastor Search Committee members). Church members are urged to attend. Come be a part of the discussions and decisions of the church.

DOPPS!! For some reason, our newsletter is printing the 3rd & 4th Page header incorrectly. We have tried numerous things to correct this (including "rebuilding" the newsletter but it still is showing incorrectly. Please forgive us for this error. We will continue to try to fix this and hopefully next month it will be corrected. Again, our apologies!



*First Baptist Church,
Thank you for all you have done for our family – food, church use, and prayers are all greatly appreciated.
Love the Rex & Cindy Wright family*

JOIN US SUNDAY!
SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 9:30 AM
WORSHIP @ 10:30 AM

New Sound System & LiveStream Camera - Listening Devices Available

We hope you are enjoying the new sound system in our Sanctuary. Our Media Committee is working hard to get everything adjusted and learn the new board. Thank you for being understanding if things go a little awry during service while our team is learning. We have the hearing assistance devices to help those with hearing difficulties. These devices amplify the sound that comes through the "house sound system". If you would like to use one of these devices or want more information, please see our Sound Board team before the worship service to check out one.



La. Baptist Convention Annual Meeting

November 14 at Franklin Ave. BC in New Orleans

The annual meeting is a great way to see what all is happening within our state and convention. Our church can elect up to eight messengers. If you would like to be elected, please let us know so that we can elect you at our October Business Meeting.

Day of Prayer for Association Missions is Sunday, October 22nd

Our state convention has set aside Sunday, October 22nd as a Day of Prayer for Association Missions. This will include such missions as Clara Springs Camp, NSU-BCU, and of course the Toledo Bend Baptist Resort Ministry. Even though we pray for these ministries regularly, on this particular Sunday, we ask that you lift them up in prayer in a mighty way. Remember our District Eight Baptist Association Office & staff in your prayers as well. These people do an awesome job in spreading the Gospel and reaching the people throughout our area.



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| 3 Eli Booker | 10 Marilyn Booker | 22 Luke Brant, Hannah Campbell |
| 5 Lucille DeWitt, Joy Mahala | 11 Jana Smith | 25 Cameron Cummings |
| 6 Donald Scaife | 13 Kathy Byles | 27 Tara Rushing |
| 7 Madaline Campbell | 20 Chelsie Strickland, Chastin Strickland, George Jo | 30 Steve DeVille, Cameron Ballard, Tripp Brant |
| 8 Jake Bray, Ellen Lites | Boyens | |

Deacon Counters for October – Paul Morris & Don Burkett

Vital Statistics	
Financial September 2023	
Monthly Budget Needs:	\$ 25,960.40
Gifts Received for Month:	\$ 31,529.68
Budget Needs Exceeded:	\$ 5,569.28

Members in Service :		
	Greeters	Deacon of the Week
10/1	Nancy Wright and Cathy Kelly	Don Burkett
10/8	Kathy & Danny Warmack	Phillip Roark
10/15	Dorothy Alford and Shirley Salley	Mark Jordan
10/22	Shirley Salley, Delores Geoghagan, and Rocky Wright	Danny Warmack
10/29	Phyllis Horton, Gary and Ramona Moore	Charles Mains

October 2023

Monthly Special Offering = Taylor House / Domestic Abuse
 Monthly Supplies Request = Operation Christmas Child / Shoe Boxes

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 CP Sunday Church Council Mtg – 4PM	2 Budget & Finance Committees Mtg @ 6 PM	3	4 Meal @ 5:45 PM Study & Prayer Mtg @ 6:15 PM	5 No XYZ Bible Study	6	7
Sanctuary & Nursery Flooring Project						
8	9	10	11 Meal @ 5:45 PM Study & Prayer Mtg @ 6:15 PM	12 XYZ @ 11 AM	13	14
15 Finance Mtg – 5 PM Deacons Mtg – 6 PM	16	17 WMU Mtg @ 9:30 AM	18 Meal @ 5:45 PM Study & Prayer Mtg @ 6:15 PM Business Mtg @ 6:30	19 XYZ @ 11 AM	20 Sabine Gideons - Pastor App Bqt @ MES	21
22 Day of Prayer for Assoc. Missions Chicken Spaghetti Lunch – Fundraiser for Shoe Boxes – after Worship Service	23	24	25 Meal @ 5:45 PM Study & Prayer Mtg @ 6:15 PM	26 XYZ @ 11 AM	27 Fourth Friday Fish Fry @ Clara Springs 5 PM \$ 15	28
29 5 th Sunday Singing @ 6 PM	30	31 LBC Registration Due Town of Many Trick or Treat 3 – 5 PM				

Emergency Contact Numbers

First Baptist Church of Many

Church Office = (318)256-5655

M – F from 8 AM – 4 PM & closed 1 hr. for lunch

AFTER HOURS CONTACTS:

Karen Sepulvado = (318)508-1138

Phyllis Horton = (318)602-5062

Bulletin & Newsletter Deadlines

Bulletin for 10/1= Thursday 9/28 @ 9 AM

Bulletin for 10/8= Thursday 10/5 @ 9 AM

Bulletin for 10/15 = Thursday 10/12 @ 9 AM

Bulletin for 10/22= Thursday 10/19 @ 9 AM

Bulletin for 10/29 = Thursday 10/26 @ 9 AM

Newsletter for Nov. 2023 = Monday 10/23 @ 9 AM

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

Look Ahead at Upcoming Activities in November:

- Sunday, November 5th – Daylight Saving Time ends
- Tuesday, November 14th – La. Baptist Convention in New Orleans
- Sunday, November 19th – Finance and Deacons Meetings
- Wednesday, November 22nd – Church Business Meeting
- November 23 & 24 – Church Office closed for Thanksgiving holidays



Interim Pastor – Rev. Mark Robinson

Church & Financial Secretary – Karen Sepulvado

Church Secretary – Phyllis Horton

