

## Newsletter: November 2023



### Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes

Turn in boxes = Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>

Packing Party = Sunday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> after AM Service

Our Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box project is about to come to a close for this year. You are asked to take a box or two or more and fill them to be used by Samaritan's Purse to be distributed around the world as they share about Christ. Boxes will need to be returned by Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for always supporting this ministry.

### IMPORTANT SHOE BOX DATES

- Monetary Donations due by Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>
- Shoe Boxes returned to church by Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>
- Packing Party is Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> after AM Service

### Operation Christmas Child Packing Party & Lunch Fellowship

Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> after AM Worship Service

We encourage everyone to join us Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> after AM Worship service in the fellowship hall. We ask you to bring a Louisiana style dish to share for the lunch. After we eat, we will be packing the shoe boxes and preparing them for shipping. We hope that you will be here for a great time of service and fellowship.

### PRAY FOR OUR PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

We are asking for your daily prayers for our Pastor Search Committee as they begin the daunting task of seeking the man that the Lord has chosen to be our next Pastor. Members of this committee include:

Jimmy Bray (chairman), Terry Brandon, Tiffeni Campbell, Ramona Moore, and Phillip Roark.

“When they had prayed, the place where they were assembled was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God boldly.” Acts 4:31, CSB



Don't forget to set your clocks back 1 hour when you go to bed on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.

Time change is a good time to remember to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

### Finance Committee Meeting Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> @ 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.

### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING

THURSDAY, NOV. 23<sup>RD</sup> & FRIDAY, NOV. 24<sup>TH</sup>

Please use the Emergency Contact Numbers listed on page 3 if you need to get in touch with the staff during any office closure. Happy Thanksgiving from the Many FBC Church Staff!

**Proposed 2024 Church Budget Information**  
***Discuss at Business Meeting on Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>***  
***Vote on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> after AM Service***

*Our Budget and Finance Committees worked diligently to prepare a proposed 2024 Church Budget. During the first week of November, church members will be mailed the proposed budget along with a letter from Paul Morris explaining some of the changes. Members will be able to discuss and ask questions or comment at the Business Meeting on Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. At the conclusion of the Morning Worship Service on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, church members will vote (without discussion) by ballot on accepting this proposed budget. We thank the Budget and Finance Committees for their hard work. We also want to thank you for being faithful to God's word and providing for the church's financial needs.*



**From the Pastor Search Committee --**

Church Family,

In God's purpose, we have begun the process of searching for the man He has anointed to shepherd us going forward as we seek to grow in service and obedience to our Lord, both individually and as a Church. Bro. Ron Thompson and Bro. Mark Robinson met with us Wednesday night for some initial insight and to answer any questions we may have getting started. As your Pastor Search Committee, we are all deeply humbled that God has placed us in this position through your vote of support. In never ceasing prayer, we accept our assignment with great honor and responsibility. Please lift us up to the Father in prayer daily for wisdom, discernment, and unity of one accord through the Holy Spirit in our decisions ahead. And that God would raise up for our church a man after His own heart, preaches Jesus is the only way, and unapologetically confirms and stands on the word of God. A pastor who is learned in the love of the Lord above and beyond the ways of the world.

*Psalm 95: 6-7 O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD our Maker: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Today, Oh that ye would hear his voice!*

Give thanks to the Lord, for His mercy endures forever!

Pastor Search Committee

**CHURCH HOLIDAY MEAL \* SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> AFTER AM WORSHIP**

**The church will provide the meat and drinks. You are asked to bring side dishes and desserts. This is a great time for Christian Fellowship. ALSO – Bring a friend or two! Mark your calendar.**

**Looking for Voices for Christmas Music**

*We are in need of your singing voice! 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 17<sup>th</sup>. 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 on Wednesdays following the Wednesday evening activities. See Mike Collier for more details.*



***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.***

## Guest Speaker - Sherrie Bumstead

Wednesday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6 p.m.

We are pleased to welcome back Sherrie Bumstead on Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. She will speak to us and share updates about the mission work she is doing in Zambia, Africa.

Please make plans to be here.

## 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!



## No Activities & Studies on Thanksgiving Week

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

**JOIN US SUNDAY!**

SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 9:30 AM

WORSHIP @ 10:30 AM

## W.M.U. Meeting

Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> @ 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.

## Church Business Meeting

Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> @ 6 p.m.

There are several important items to discuss. One of the items will be the Proposed 2024 Church Budget. Church members are urged to attend. Come be a part of the discussions and decisions of the church.

## New Sound System & LiveStream Camera- Listening Devices now Available

We hope you are enjoying the new sound system in our Sanctuary. Our Media Committee members are 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 and adjusting levels, etc.. 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. Please be in prayer for the messenger from our church, Ms. Mary Gore, as well as all other messengers as they take care of the business matters of our state convention.

Services on Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

Sunday School @ 9:30 AM

Christmas Eve Service @ 10:30 AM

Join us for this special time of worship as we celebrate our Savior's birth. Invite family and friends to join us.

## **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions**

**Week of Prayer & Emphasis**

**December 3<sup>rd</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Church Goal = \$ 6,000**



## *A Word from Bro. Mark ....*

Last Sunday, I mentioned briefly about a sculpture of a pair of hands holding a globe in my office that my wife Karen made from bronze. When I look at it, a tune gets stuck in my head. It sits there to remind me that in the midst of difficulties around the world like wars, pandemics, famine and extreme poverty that God is still in control. He's also in control over my little world and all the worlds of millions of other people around the globe.



Colossians 1:16 says, “For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.”

This verse teaches us that God is the creator of everything and has power over all things.

We may not fully understand everything that's happening around us, but we can have confidence that the sovereign God is in control.

Romans 11:33 says, “Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!”

This verse reminds us that God's ways are higher than our ways and we don't have to figure everything out on our own. In addition, Isaiah 61 teaches us that the Lord cares for those that suffer no matter how powerful or weak or rich or poor they may be.

Isaiah 61:1 says, “The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners.”

When your world seems out of control, give it over to the Father and trust He will do His perfect will and loves you greatly. Believers are often reminded of the passage the apostle Paul wrote to the Philippian church.

Philippians 4:6-7 says, “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Our worries are His concern. Our anxiety can be safely placed in His hands through prayer and we can be thankful He is in control.

Hum this song as you go throughout the day... Maybe add some verses of your own.

*He's got the whole world in his hands.  
He's got the whole world in his hands.  
He's got the whole world in his hands.  
He's got the whole world in his hands.*

*He's got the wind and the rain in his hands. (Sing three times)  
He's got the whole world in his hands.*

*He's got the little tiny baby in his hands. . . . (Sing three times)  
He's got the whole world in his hands.*

*He's got you and me, brother, in his hands. . . . (Sing three times)  
He's got the whole world in his hands.*

*He's got you and me, sister, in his hands. . . . (Sing three times)  
He's got the whole world in his hands.*

*He's got everybody here in his hands. . . . (Sing three times)  
He's got the whole world in his hands.*

## Nursing Home Christmas Store

Thursday, December 7th



### Items needed for store:

- Lap Throws
- Pillows (soft – do not overstuff)
- T-shirts (all sizes for Men & Women)
- Rubber soled & Crochet slippers
- House Shoes (men's larger sizes & women's)
- Socks with grips (Men & Women)
- Dolls and Stuffed Toys (new or very clean)
- Name brand Kleenex
- Jewelry & Trinkets
- Body Mist & Perfume
- Night Lights
- Walker Purses
- Room & Holiday Decorations
- Lotion, cream, mouthwash, deodorant, etc.
- Snack cakes
- Diabetic cookies & candy
- Homemade cookies & candy
- Small can or bottled soft drinks (regular & diet)

**NOTE – No Chocolate covered cherries please! They are a choking hazard.**

Contact the Many First Baptist Church office for more details.

## November's Special Offerings

Operations Christmas Child  
Shoe Boxes and Postage & Donations  
Church Goal = 250 boxes  
Thank you for your generosity and support  
of this ministry.

**Your generosity to both of these are greatly appreciated.**

Join us for the annual Nursing Home Store on Thursday, December 7th. This Sabine Association WMU event is enjoyed by the residents each year. They have a great time selecting items for themselves or for gifts during this event. Please be generous in your support.



6 Verda Mains

7 Krystal Booker

9 Jared Alford

12 Cherie Leach, Keagan

LaFollette, Eddie Moore

13 Phillip Roark

17 Bruce Gandy

20 DeAnne Patrick, Garrett

Leach

21 Rev. Claude Weatherford

23 Trey Harris

26 Merrill Cummings

**Deacon Counters for November –**  
Charles Mains & Phillip Roark

### Bulletin & Newsletter Deadlines

Bulletin for 11/5 = Thursday 11/2 @ 9 AM

Bulletin for 11/12 = Thursday 11/9 @ 9 AM

Bulletin for 11/19 = Thursday 11/16 @ 9 AM

Bulletin for 11/26 = Wednesday 11/22 @ 9 AM

Newsletter for Dec. 2023 = Monday 11/27 @ 9 AM

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

### Members in Service :

	Greeters	Deacon of the Week
11/5	Nancy Wright, Cathy Kelly	Paul Morris
11/12	Kathy & Danny Warmack	Don Burkett
11/19	Dorothy Alford, Shirley Salley	Phillip Roark
11/26	Shirley Salley, Delores Geoghagan, and Rocky Wright	Mark Jordan

## Vital Statistics

### Financial October 2023

Monthly Budget Needs:	\$ 25,960.40
Gifts Received for Month:	\$ 44,433.38
Budget Needs Exceeded:	\$ 18,472.98

### 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

### Look Ahead at Upcoming Activities in December:

- Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> – Vote on 2024 Budget, Holiday Meal
- Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> – Nursing Home Christmas Store
- Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> – Finance Meeting, Christmas Musical
- Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> – Business Meeting
- Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve Service @ 10:30 AM



Interim Pastor – Rev. Mark Robinson

Church & Financial Secretary – Karen Sepulvado

Church Secretary – Phyllis Horton

# November 2023

Monthly Special Offering = Operation Christmas Child / Shoe Boxes

Monthly Supplies Request = Nursing Home Christmas Store

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Meal @ 5:30 PM Study & Prayer Mtg @ 6:00 PM Choir Practice	XYZ @ 11 AM		
Daylight Saving Time Ends			Meal @ 5:30 PM Study & Prayer Mtg @ 6:00 PM Choir Practice	XYZ @ 11 AM	Veteran's Day	
			Meal @ 5:30 PM Missions Report (Sherry Bumstead) & Prayer Mtg @ 6:00 PM Choir Practice	XYZ @ 11 AM		
Return Your Shoe Boxes to the Church!	LBC Annual Mtg – Franklin Ave. BC, New Orleans		Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Collection Week			
Shoe Box Packing Party – after AM Worship Finance Mtg – 5 PM		WMU Meeting @ 9:30 AM	No Activities	Thanksgiving Day Church Office Closed	Church Office Closed	
Y.E.C. – Alexandria	Oper. Christmas Child Shoe Box Collection Week					
			Meal @ 5:30 PM Study & Prayer Mtg @ 6:00 PM Business Meeting @ 6:00 Choir Practice	XYZ @ 11 AM		

# Puzzle!

Although the Bible doesn't mention turkey feasts, the gospels do describe a miracle dinner that made thousands of hungry people thankful (see Matthew 14:13-21). Fill in the words to complete a poem about that meal.

**Hint:** Each pair of line endings should rhyme.



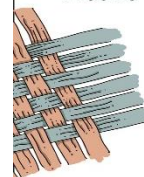
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bunch      lunch      rest      true  
done      men      spaces      you

Jesus was tired and went to find \_\_\_\_\_.  
So away from the crowd he started his \_\_\_\_\_.  
It came to an end before it \_\_\_\_\_.  
The crowd followed Jesus; they walked and they \_\_\_\_\_.  
His boat pulled ashore, and he looked at their \_\_\_\_\_.  
Five thousand men, plus families, filled all open \_\_\_\_\_.  
And so Jesus spoke, and he taught until \_\_\_\_\_.  
The disciples told him it was time they all \_\_\_\_\_.  
Jesus said, "Yes, that is certainly \_\_\_\_\_."  
And feeding this crowd is now up to \_\_\_\_\_."  
Feeding five thousand! It could not be \_\_\_\_\_.  
What would they do? They'd need a whole \_\_\_\_\_.  
But then a young boy came and offered his \_\_\_\_\_.  
Five loaves and two fish to feed this big \_\_\_\_\_?  
Jesus gave thanks and blessed it and \_\_\_\_\_ ...  
it fed all the women, the children and \_\_\_\_\_.

Answer: rest, quest, ran, faces, began, late, spaces, ate, true, you, done, ton, lunch, bunch, then, men



Handicrafts can spark appreciation for simple items. Weave this basket as a gift.



### What you need:

- Paper plate
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Yarn (different colors)

### What you do:

1. In the center of the plate, trace something round. Draw 9 lines (evenly spaced) from the circle to the plate's edge.
2. Cut along each line, stopping at the center circle. Trim more of the plate off so the cuts make a gradual V shape.
3. Fold the plate's sides upward to form basket sides. Keep these upright as you weave a bowl-shaped basket.
4. Begin weaving a length of yarn at the circle's base. Hold the end of the yarn in place as you spread the length over and under each side of the plate.
5. Switch colors to make a pattern. Keep the yarn tight as you weave up the sides.
6. To finish, bend down any remaining paper. Leave a tail of yarn and tuck it under a woven portion. Share your craft with a friend!