

## Newsletter: January 2024

### Mark Your Calendars

- 1/1 New Year's Day – Church office Closed
- 1/3 Prayer Meeting & Bible Study Only
- 1/9 Sabine Executive Board Mtg @ Many FBC 6 PM
- 1/10 Missions & Evangelism Committee Mtg @ 4 PM  
Wednesday Night Activities
- 1/11 XYZ Bible Study
- 1/14 Church Council Mtg @ 4 PM  
Finance Comm. Mtg @ 5 PM
- 1/16 WMU Meeting @ 9:30 AM
- 1/17 Business Meeting @ 6 PM  
Wednesday Night Activities
- 1/18 XYZ Bible Study
- 1/21 *Sanctity of Life Sunday*
- 1/22 ECON – Evangelism Conference, Temple BC Ruston
- 1/23 ECON – Evangelism Conference, Temple BC Ruston
- 1/24 Wednesday Night Activities
- 1/25 XYZ Bible Study
- 1/26 Fourth Friday Fish Fry @ Clara Springs 5 PM
- 1/30 Christian Major League Fishing Event @ Siloam BC

### 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 room. We have a great time of food, fellowship, and study so come join us!



We are excited to have the group “The Mattingly Family” to perform during our Worship Service on Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 AM. A love offering will be received. They are a fabulous group from Moody, MO that presents a great gospel message with their music. Please lift them up in prayer as they perform for us and travel. If you are going to write a check, please make the check out to “The Mattingly Family”.

### CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

**Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> @ 4 PM**

**All Committees should meet now!**

It is time for the Church Council Meeting. All church committees should meet now to plan activities and events for 2024 as well as elect a chairperson for the year. Committees can contact the office to schedule meetings and to place them on the church calendar. All church leaders and committee chairpersons are asked to attend the Church Council Meeting on January 14<sup>th</sup>. If you have any items for the agenda and church calendar for the council meeting, contact the church office to be placed on the agenda.

### Missions & Evangelism Committee Meeting –

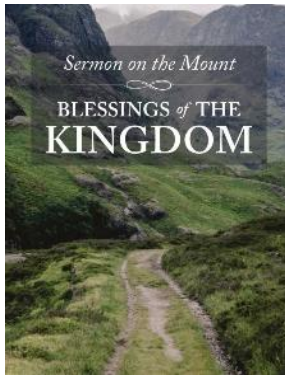
**Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 PM**

Members of this committee include: Stacie Bray, Delores Geoghagan, Mary Gore, Cathy Kelly, Shirley Salley, and Nancy Wright. Please make every effort to attend.

### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR

**MONDAY, JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**Happy New Year from the Many FBC Church Staff!**



## Winter Bible Study

### **“Blessings of the Kingdom” - Sermon on the Mount**

**Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 AM & 6 PM & February 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6 PM**

**Bro. Jack Bell will lead the 5 session study at Many FBC**

**Study Books are free to church members but if you would like to help offset the expense, they are \$ 9.00 each.**

**Please sign up by Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup> by calling or emailing the church office or on the sign-up sheet at the church.**

### Church Business Meeting

**Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6 p.m.**

**There are several important item to discuss. Church members are urged to attend. Come be a part of the discussions and decisions of the church.**

### Finance Committee Meeting

**Sunday, January 14<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.

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

**Church Goal = \$ 6,000.00**

**Given as of 12/29/2023 = \$ 5,314.74**

Lostness is growing every day. Our church’s involvement in giving to Lottie Moon International Missions is essential in sending and supporting missionaries through the IMB (International Missions Board) to be steadfastly present among those who have never heard the gospel. Please do your part in helping these missionaries. Log on to [www.imb.org](http://www.imb.org) to find out more about Lottie Moon and this missions offering.

## **ECON 2024**

January 22-23, 2024 Temple Baptist, Ruston

### **Schedule**

Monday Afternoon: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Monday Evening: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Tuesday Morning: 9:00 am – 11:30 am

Tuesday Afternoon: 1:00 pm – 4:25 pm

Tuesday Evening: 6:00 pm – 8:15 pm



### 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 can put it on the calendar. These dates are on a “first come, first serve” basis so if you have a special date in mind, please call soon and reserve. Thank you to everyone for putting flowers in the Sanctuary during 2023. They added so much beauty to our Sanctuary and worship experience.**

**No XYZ Bible Study on Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. XYZ will try and resume the following week. The Church Office will keep you informed.**

**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 72356 which allows quick, easy, one-time donations.

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

With a New Year approaching and the Church starting a new budget in January, we hope that you will continue to be faithful in giving to the church and her ministry. There are several ways that you can give to the ministries of our church. We encourage all our members to take advantage of these. If you would like more information on how to do this, the Church Office is here to help answer any questions and guide you through these steps.

Special Offering Emphasis by Month for 2024			
Month	Emphasis	Goal	Collection
January	ProLife & Crisis Pregnancy Center (Natch.)	\$500	Souper Bowl / FBC Food Pantry <sup>1</sup>
February	La. World Hunger	\$1,500 (30 local food boxes – offering collected during the month) & \$500 collected at World Hunger soup meal	
March	Annie Armstrong North American Missions Easter Offering <sup>1</sup>	WMU <sup>2</sup>	Children's Home Egg Drive <sup>1</sup>
April			
May	Gideons	\$ 2,000 <sup>3</sup>	FBC Food Pantry
June	Back to School Rally <sup>1</sup>	\$500	School Supplies for Back to School Rally <sup>1</sup>
July			
August	District 8 & Sabine Disaster Relief	\$500 (Divided 50/50 between D8 & Sabine DRs)	Children's Home Food Round Up
September	Georgia Barnett State Missions Offering	WMU <sup>2</sup>	Nursing Home Christmas Store
October	Taylor House	\$500	OCC Shoe Boxes
November	Operation Christmas Child		Nursing Home Christmas Store
December	Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	WMU <sup>2</sup>	None

<sup>1</sup>Emphasis divided over two months.  
<sup>2</sup>WMU will recommend goal to church.  
<sup>3</sup>Goal decided by Evangelism & Missions Committee. Researched and set goal in similar amount to what our church has given in the past.



**We will not have Wednesday Night Meal on January 3rd. When we resume Wednesday Night meals, the church office will post it in the bulletin along with the menu.**

**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

**Christian Fishing Pros “Meet & Greet” on Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> @ 7 PM**

Come meet, greet, and eat with Fishing Pros who will be here at the Toledo Bend Tournament for the MFL circuit event. This event will be held at Siloam Baptist Church Family Life Center on Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. The pros will be speaking and giving testimonies. Meal will be provided and this event is open to all ages.

We just received word that Al Schweiger died December 27, 2023. He moved from Many to Alabama a few years ago but retained membership in our church. Pray for Al’s family in the days ahead.





Dear Church Family,

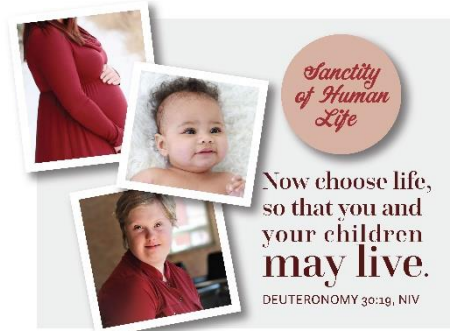
Thank you so much for the concerns, prayers, calls, and food that has been sent to us. We appreciate it more than you know. Please continue to remember us as we do what we can from day to day. God bless you all!

With love, Mrs. Jan, Mr. Skeeter, & Jana

### **News from our Deacons**

The Deacons have elected a new chairman. Beginning January 1, 2024, Paul Morris will be the chairman. We deeply appreciate Danny Warmack who held this position for several years. He did a tremendous job in filling this position. Please remember to pray for our Deacons as the lead and serve the church.

## **Sanctity of Life Sunday** **Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**



### **Fourth Friday Fish Fry at Clara Springs Return for 2024**

Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, the Fourth Friday Fish Fry returns 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.

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### **A Word from Bro. Mark –**

I have a friend in her late seventy's that loves the role of grandma as much as anyone I know. She holds grandma camp for all her grandchildren for a week every summer that involves re-purposing some found item into something personal and special for each grandchild and sends them back home with it at the end of the week. Her most famous project is bicycles. She will collect discarded used bicycles all year round and have them ready for rebuilding. The kids will spray paint the frames to their own personal taste and then install new tires, tubes, chains, or anything really needed. She makes sure they ride well and then sends the kids off to test drive them and home with the renewed bike. The purpose of this camp is to spend quality time with the kids, and to teach them the value of finding something lost or discarded and giving it a second chance at life. I am a sucker for thinking about things I find can be rebuilt and put back into service. I have been helping bicycles, furniture, campers, picture frames, old lumber, and people for most of my life. It has been hardwired into my nature from reading the Bible and understanding the purpose of the Gospel.

Everyone needs to be made new in Christ. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says "If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone and the new is here!" Coming to know Christ repurposes your life to its original intended state of being, direction and its ultimate destination. If you feel like you have missed your purpose in life and need a new beginning. I have a solution for you! At the beginning of this new year of 2024 let Christ take rule over your life and give you purpose. We are overly blessed with new beginnings. We are beginning a new year that includes twelve new months and 365 new days that all can be new beginnings. Choose today to start fresh and new by spending time letting the father repurpose your life and direction.

Have a safe, blessed, and happy new year!

Bro. Mark



1 Terry Kelly Jr.,  
Lacy Roark  
3 Stacie Bray  
4 Alan Nichols  
9 Doug Abington,  
Adrianna Payne  
10 Jayden Gentry

11 Donna Lites, Katy Arthur  
12 Joanne Pickett  
14 Ramona Moore  
15 Debbie Roark  
16 Becky Horner  
19 Colby Strickland  
21 Catherine Gentry

22 Danny Wilson  
25 Randy Braneff,  
26 Terry Kelly, Sr.  
27 Camdyn Alford  
28 Marsha Gentry  
30 Jacob Scaife  
31 Trey Sanders

**Deacon Counters for January –**  
Mark Jordan & Paul Morris

**Bulletin & Newsletter Deadlines**

Bulletin for 1/7= Thursday 1/4 @ 9 AM  
 Bulletin for 1/14= Thursday 1/11 @ 9 AM  
 Bulletin for 1/21 = Thursday 1/18 @ 9 AM  
 Bulletin for 1/28 = Thursday 1/25 @ 9 AM  
 Bulletin for 2/4 = Thursday 2/1 @ 9 AM  
 Newsletter for February = Monday 1/22 @ 9 AM

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

<b><u>Members in Service :</u></b>		
	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Deacon of the Week</b>
1/7	Nancy Wright, Cathy Kelly	Mark Jordan
1/14	Kathy & Danny Warmack	Danny Warmack
1/21	Dorothy Alford, Shirley Salley	Charles Mains
1/28	Shirley Salley, Delores Geoghagan, and Rocky Wright	Paul Morris

**Look Ahead at Upcoming Activities in February:**

- Saturday, Feb. 3 – Disaster Relief Training @ Philadelphia BC, DeVille
- February 4 - 7 – Winter Bible Study
- Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM – Sabine Assoc. Missions Banquet @ Siloam BC
- Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> @ 5 PM – Finance Comm. Mtg.
- Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 AM – WMU Meeting
- Wednesday, February 21 – Business Meeting

<b>Vital Statistics</b>	
<b>Financial December 2023</b>	
Monthly Budget Needs:	\$ 25,960.40
Gifts Received (as of 12/26):	\$ 26,606.75
Budget Needs Remaining:	\$ 646.35

**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



# January 2024

Monthly Special Offering =  
Monthly Supplies Request =

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year's Holiday Church Office Closed	2	3 Meal @ 5:30 PM Study & Prayer Mtg @ 6:00 PM	4	5	6
7	8	9 Sabine Exec. Bd. (here) @ 6 PM w/ meal (20)	10 Missions & Evang. Comm. Mtg @ 4:00 Meal @ 5:30 PM Study & Prayer Mtg @ 6:00 PM	11 XYZ @ 11 AM	12	13
14 Church Council Mtg – 4 PM Finance Mtg – 5 PM	15 Martin L King, Jr Day	16 WMU Mtg @ 9:30 AM	17 Meal @ 5:30 PM Study & Prayer Mtg @ 6:00 PM Business Meeting @ 6:00	18 XYZ @ 11 AM	19	20
21 Sanctity of Life Sunday	22	23	24 Meal @ 5:30 PM Study & Prayer Mtg @ 6:00 PM	25 XYZ @ 11 AM	26 Fourth Friday Fish Fry @ Clara Springs 5 PM \$ 15	27
28	29	30	31			



## PUZZLE

# HAPPY NEW YOU!

Changing the calendar each January is a reminder that God makes all things new.

*Directions: Use the clues and the calendar code to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, ESV.*

JANUARY 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	God	night	word	in	love	Jesus
7	glory	therefore	speak	give	light	Christ
14	saw	beginning	anyone	waters	help	is
21	he	again	through	earth	made	while
28	new	if	and	creation		

The second Monday \_\_\_\_\_  
 The last Monday \_\_\_\_  
 The 16th \_\_\_\_\_  
 One day before the 20th \_\_\_\_  
 The day before the first Friday \_\_\_\_  
 The last weekday of the second week \_\_\_\_\_  
 The day after the 20th \_\_\_\_  
 The day after 18th \_\_\_\_  
 The first day of the second weekend \_\_\_\_  
 The last Sunday \_\_\_\_  
 The last day of the month \_\_\_\_\_

Answers: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.



## New INSIDE

Geodes look plain on the outside but contain beautiful crystals. Create these "rocks" to show how God makes us new on the inside.

**What you need:**

- Clean cardboard egg carton
- Scissors (and adult help)
- Epsom salt
- Plastic zippered bags (one per color of dye)
- Food coloring
- Glue
- Paintbrush

**What you do:**

1. Cut out the tops and bottoms of all the egg compartments so you can make 6 ball shapes.
2. In each bag, put 3 tablespoons of Epsom salt and a drop or two of food coloring. Seal and shake to mix.
3. With the paintbrush, spread glue inside two egg-carton halves. Sprinkle a spoonful of Epsom salt into those halves. Then close and shake.
4. Open your homemade geode and shake out excess salt.
5. Optional: Preserve the crystals with a coat of clear-drying glue.