

First
BAPTIST CHURCH
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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

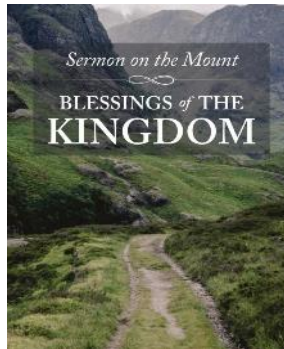
- 2/3 Disaster Relief Training – Philadelphia BC-Deville
- 2/4 Winter Bible Study @10:30 AM & 6 PM
- 2/5 Winter Bible Study @ 6 PM
- 2/6 Winter Bible Study @ 6 PM
- 2/7 Winter Bible Study @ 6 PM
- 2/12 Associational Miss. Banquet @ Siloam Baptist Church @ 6:30 PM
- 2/14 Wednesday Night Activities
- 2/18 Focus on WMU Sunday Finance Comm. Mtg @ 5 PM Meet the Bass Elite @ Siloam Baptist Church @ 6PM
- 2/20 WMU Meeting @ 9:30 AM
- 2/21 Business Meeting @ 6 PM Wednesday Night Activities
- 2/23 Fourth Friday Fish Fry @ Clara Springs
- 2/24 Disaster Relief Training-FBC DeRidder
- 2/28 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 room. We have a great time of food, fellowship, and study so come join us!



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 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 pick up your book on Sundays from Paul Morris or during the week from the church office.

Church Business Meeting

Wednesday, February 21st @ 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, February 18th @ 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.

Sabine Baptist Association Missions Banquet

Monday, February 12th @ 6:30 PM
Siloam Baptist Church

This year our speaker will be from the LBC WMM office in Alexandria. They will be sharing on how mission's education can and should impact our world views. This event is open to all church members and we encourage everyone to attend. This year is covered dish for the meal. If you would like to help plan, please RSVP to Mary Gore by landline 318-645-6601, text 318-452-9731 or email tbaptist@gmail.com by Thursday, February 8th on how many will be attending, and what you will be bringing for the meal.



Recently, Bro. Mark Robinson asked if our church has adopted and posted “Our Core Values” and we do not have something like this currently in place. Below is an example of what we can use, edit, and/or build upon to adopt as our church’s Core Values. Please prayerfully consider these statements and provide your feedback.

This will be discussed and your input can be heard at the next Church Business Meeting on Wednesday, February 21st. The Core Values can be added to our church website, monthly newsletter, visitor packets, and bulletin insert so that visitors and prospective members will know what Many FBC is about.

Our Core Values – (Draft version) ***

Live like Jesus.

Jesus is the living Word of God and when we live like Jesus, people will want to know more about God.

Follow God’s Word.

Jesus reveals himself to us through the Bible, so we aim to saturate our lives with the wisdom and teachings found in the Bible.

Talk with God.

To draw closer to God, we must talk with God and listen to God as God speaks to us. The attitude and action of prayer is essential to everything we do.

Live authentically.

Jesus’ love transforms the whole person. God does not require perfection from us but desires us to live transparently in obedience to God.

Live in community.

We encourage each other to live life together in small groups so we can encourage, teach, challenge, and love each other as God loves us.

Practice generosity.

God is infinitely generous and calls us to regularly give of our time, talents and resources.

Share God’s love with the world.

It is our responsibility as followers of Jesus to love others by meeting the physical and spiritual needs of people locally and globally.

January started a new Flower Calendar for 2024. If you would like to have a special day in mind 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. They added so much beauty to our Sanctuary and worship experience.

Southern Baptist Convention Disaster Relief

2024 Disaster Relief Training Opportunities

February 3rd Philadelphia Bapt. Church Deville, LA

February 24th First Baptist Church DeRidder, LA



Meet the Elite (Bass Elite Fishermen) Event

Sunday, February 18th @ 6 PM at Siloam Baptist Church

Come meet, greet, and eat with Fishing Pros who will be here at the Bass Elite Tournament coming to Toledo Bend lake. Several Pro Fishermen will speak and give fishing tips as well as talk about the Lord in their lives. This event will be held at Siloam BC Family Life Center on Sunday, February 18th at 6 PM. Invite family and friends to come.

First Baptist Church Food Pantry Needs

Vienna Sausages and Canned Meats (w/ pull tops are best)
 Canned or Pouched Tuna
 Canned Stew & Soups (w/ pull tops are best)
 Canned Spaghetti or Pasta with Meats (w/ pull tops are best)
 Ramen Noodles
 Canned Veggies & Fruits
 Fruit & Pudding cups
 Cheese Crackers & Crackers
 Peanut Butter Crackers
 Boxed Rice & Potatoes
 Mac & Cheese (bowls & boxes)
 Beans and canned vegetables
 Cereals & Oatmeal
 Granola bars
 Peanut Butter
 Jelly
 Shelf-stable Milk

These items will be used to help transients and provide a meal or two to local families in need.

Boxes are located by the church office & at most entrances to place your donations into.

Contact the church office if you have any questions on this. Thanks for your generosity.



**THE GREAT
DATE ESCAPE**
 \$100/couple
 This includes a 3 course meal and entertainment.
DATE
10 FEB 2024
TIME
6-8PM
PLACE
 Clara Springs Camp & Conference
 Worship Center
 318-796-3875 www.clarasprings.com

It has been decided that XYZ will temporarily suspend meeting every week due to schedule, weather, and health concerns. We will revisit restarting XYZ in the next several months. The Church Office will keep you informed.

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, & Phillip Roark.

On Tuesday, January 9th, Mr. O.E. "Skeeter" Varnado went to be with the Lord. He passed away at home on the family farm. We express our deepest sympathies and continued prayers to Mrs. Jan, Jana, Cliff and the entire family. Mr. Skeeter will be greatly missed by so many family and friends as well as our church family.



Join us for a training and networking opportunity! KID MIN Retreat is open to paid or volunteer children's and preschool ministry leaders, directors, or coordinators. Join us in our discussion of what it means to cast a vision for your church, your ministry, yourself, and your future.

Dates: Begins Mon, Feb. 5 at 1:30 PM and concludes Tues, Feb. 6 at 11:45 AM. **Contact LBC to register.**

Location: FBC, Natchitoches

Cost: \$35 (includes session refreshments and dinner Monday evening)

Special Guest: Chuck Peters, Director of Lifeway Kids

Subject: Casting a Vision



Hunger Fund Offering Emphasis Soup Lunch on Sunday, March 3rd

We will have our annual soup lunch on Sunday, March 3rd after the Morning Worship Service. If you would like to make a pot of soup, contact the church office or Mary Gore. No desserts please. A donation basket will be placed at the end of the table and proceeds will go to the La. Hunger Fund at La Baptist.

JOIN US ON MISSION!
HONDURAS 2024
 BAPTIST MEDICAL & DENTAL MISSION INTERNATIONAL
 MAY 24-31: HOSPITAL BRIGADE WEEK
 MAY 25-JUNE 1: TRUE VILLAGE WEEK
 MAY 31-JUNE 7: SURGERY WEEK
 NEEDED: NURSES, DENTISTS, VETS,
 PHARMACISTS, MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS,
 CONSTRUCTION WORKERS
 FINANCIAL HELP AVAILABLE FOR PASTORS
 CONTACT BENJIE COLVIN FOR MORE INFO
 318.663.0670
 BENJIECOLVIN@GMAIL.COM
 APPLICATIONS DUE ASAP



3 Jeff Price
 4 Emmy Hinds
 6 Loren Alford
 7 Karla Knippers
 9 Liam Brant

14 Pat Wiggins
 15 Kathy Warmack
 16 Lauren Brant, Diane Turner
 17 Suzanne Worsham
 18 Amanda Bray
 21 Gabrielle Roark

22 Lindsey York
 24 Emily Ramsey, Polly Dappen
 25 Barbara Lewing
 28 Valerie Abington

11 Anne Richey
 12 Don Burkett, Scott Gandy

Deacon Counters for February – Charles Mains & Danny Warmack

Bulletin & Newsletter Deadlines

Bulletin for 2/4= Thursday 2/1 @ 9 AM
 Bulletin for 2/11= Thursday 2/8 @ 9 AM
 Bulletin for 2/18 = Thursday 2/15 @ 9 AM
 Bulletin for 2/25 = Thursday 2/22 @ 9 AM

Newsletter for March = Monday 2/19 @ 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 March:

- March 3 – 10 – Week of Prayer & Emphasis for North American Missions & Annie Armstrong Offering
- Sunday, March 3rd – LA Hunger Fundraiser, Soup Lunch
- Saturday, March 9th – Toledo Bend Bapt. Ministry Work Day 8 am – lunch
- Sunday, March 10th – Daylight Saving Time Begins
- Sunday, March 17th – Finance Committee Meeting
- Tuesday, March 19th – WMU Meeting
- Wednesday, March 20th – NSU, BCM Lunch
- Wednesday, March 20th – Business Meeting
- Sunday, March 24th – Operation Christmas Child Gumbo Lunch fundraiser
- Sunday, March 31st – Easter Sunday

Members in Service :		
	Greeters	Deacon of the Week
2/4	Nancy Wright, Cathy Kelly	Don Burkett
2/11	Kathy & Danny Warmack	Phillip Roark
2/18	Dorothy Alford, Shirley Salley	Mark Jordan
2/25	Shirley Salley, Delores Geoghagan, and Rocky Wright	Danny Warmack

Vital Statistics	
Financial January 2024	
Monthly Budget Needs:	\$ 26,100.97
Gifts Received (as of 12/26):	\$ 19,783.38
Budget Needs shortage:	\$ 6,317.59

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



Interim Pastor – Rev. Mark Robinson

Church & Financial Secretary – Karen Sepulvado

Church Secretary – Phyllis Horton