

Newsletter: March 2024

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

- 3/3-3/10 Annie Armstrong North American Missions Week of Prayer
- 3/3 Soup Lunch for Hunger Fund
- 3/6 Wednesday Night Activities
- 3/9 Toledo Bend Resort Ministry Work Day 8 AM - lunch
- 3/9 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 3/13 Wednesday Night Activities
- 3/17 Finance Comm. Mtg @ 5 PM
- 3/19 WMU Meeting @ 9:30 AM
- 3/20 Business Meeting @ 6 PM Wednesday Night Activities
- 3/22 Fourth Friday Fish Fry @ Clara Springs
- 3/23 The New Testament Deacon = Baptist Building
- 3/24 Operation Christmas Child Fundraiser Lunch
- 3/27 Wednesday Night Activities
- 3/29 Good Friday
- 3/31 Easter Sunday

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



Hunger Fund Offering

Soup Lunch on Sunday, March 3rd

We will have our Lunch Fundraiser for the La. Hunger Fund 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 on the table and proceeds will go to the La. Hunger Fund at La. Baptist Convention.

Church Business Meeting

**Wednesday, March 20th
@ 6 p.m.**

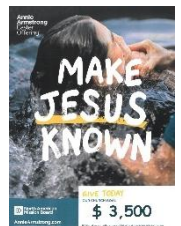
There are several important item to discuss. Church members are urged to attend. Come be a part of the discussions and decisions of the church.

Finance Committee Meeting

**Sunday, March 17th
@ 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.

**ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING
FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS
WEEK OF EMPHASIS AND PRAYER
MARCH 3RD - MARCH 10TH**



La Baptist Children's Home Egg & Towel Drive

It's time for the annual Children's Home Egg Drive. You can donate fresh eggs or give a monetary donation so they can purchase eggs. This year you can also donate large white bath towels and washcloths. The cottages are in great need of these items.

WMU Hosting Lunch at NSU BCM March 20, 2024

Our WMU is hosting lunch at the NSU-BCM on Wednesday, March 20th. We need your help by donating boxes of individually wrapped Little Debbie snack cakes for the lunch. If you would like to help or for further info, please contact Shirley Salley or the church office.



Our children's department is working with our children doing a special presentation sometime next month, probably around Easter. We would love to have your children come and be a part of this. If you have children, grandchildren, or just know of some children who would be interested, we would love to have them come be a part of this special event. Practice is on Wednesday evenings starting at 6 p.m. for info contact Debbie Roark; or if you would like to volunteer to help with some of the preparation for the program. Please pray for our children and children's department as they prepare for this special presentation.

Daylight Saving Time will start next weekend. When you go to bed on Saturday, March 9th don't forget to set your clocks FORWARD one hour. We want you to be on time for Sunday School, and Morning Worship. It's also a good time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

Join us for the
**Toledo Bend Baptist Resort
 Ministry's
 2024 Spring Workday**
 Saturday, March 9⁺
 8:00 am
 Lunch provided

Please bring tools/ supplies, according to what activity you would like to participate in...
 raking/ yard care, cleaning/sanitizing, minor electrical, plumbing and carpentry, etc.

For questions, call Mary or Danny at
 318.645.6601
 Or text 318.452.9731




**Fundraiser Lunch for Operation Christmas Child
 Sunday, March 24th after AM Worship**

Gumbo and Potato Salad will be on the menu. You can dine in or take out. There will be a basket at the end of the table for you to make a donation towards the Shoe Boxes this fall. If you plan to have lunch, please sign up in the next couple of weeks at church or contact the church office. Signing up will help us know and prepare adequately. Please continue to support the Shoe Box program. Take this opportunity to enjoy a good meal and help a good cause.

Dates for the Sanctuary flowers are available. If you would like to have a special day in mind to place flowers, 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

March 9th = Baton Rouge April 13th = Ruston April 20th = Sulphur
 Log on to the State Convention website for more details and to register.

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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.



DETAILS

Start: March 15 @ 4:00 pm

End: March 16 @ 4:30 pm

ORGANIZER Erin Jones

Phone 318-448-3402

Email erin.jones@louisianabaptists.org

VENUE Clara Springs Baptist Camp



WMU Meeting on Tuesday, March 19th @ 9:30 AM

Ladies interested in learning and participating in various mission projects are encouraged to attend. See Shirley Salley for more details.



At Business Meeting on February 21st, our church voted to adopt the following statements as our church's Core Values. These Core Values will be added to our church website, monthly newsletter, visitor packets, and bulletins, etc. so that visitors and prospective members will know what Many FBC is about. Please be in prayer on ways to make sure we are adopting these in our church life and personal lives.

Our Core Values

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.

A Word from Bro. Mark –

You can see the logo on the sign and instantly know the company. In some parts of the country a green brontosaurus marked it's location. In other parts of the country it could be identified by a yellow sea shell. In my hometown, it was a red star that showed you the way. If you haven't guessed by now the companies were Sinclair gas, a Shell station andTexaco. You could trust your car to the man with the Star! Those logos, signs and slogan were all part of a process called branding. Branding is a big word in the business and church world today. Basically, the concept for branding is deliberately portraying the image publicly that you want people to think about your company or church. If you had to tell someone what the "brand" of FBC Many is, what would it be? Most church members have a hard time articulating a clear presentation of the purpose, principles and projected future hopes of their church. The reasons for hesitation are many. However, the most common reason for inability to communicate the values and vision of a church is lack of communication from the leadership. This is not intentional. Church is a busy place and we are often guided by a calendar and events and human circumstances beyond our control. Recently, a bulletin insert was distributed to communicate the values of FBC Many. If you didn't see it, it would be good to get your hands on a copy and think those values through. It will help you see, say and understand what your fellow believers care about and where the church stands on important issues.

A gas station sign isn't really the first thing I think of when I hear the word "branding". I think of cattle being marked with a fiery hot iron to indicate ownership. Christians aren't branded literally like a young cow joining the heard. However, we are branded by behavior. John 13:35 says, "by this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another". If you want a short way to tell people the brand of your church, try this. "Our church loves Jesus and the people he made and we can't wait to tell people how to know Him".

Pastor Mark Robinson



5 Laurie Morrow
 6 Jame Burr
 8 Jace Alford
 11 Mike Collier
 12 Brenda Maxey

17 Dale Barnhill,
 Norman Booker, Jr.,
 Margaret Leach
 23 Tanya Lambert,
 Kaylee Moroski
 24 Glenda Merriman

25 Gayle Fisher, Lindsey
 DeVille
 26 Wayne Turner
 28 Walker Alford, Gavin
 Roark
 31 J. Paul Naquin

14 Linda Rumsey
 15 Paul Morris, Bro. Mark Robinson

**Deacon Counters for March –
 Don Burkett & Phillip Roark**

Bulletin & Newsletter Deadlines

Bulletin for 3/10 = Thursday 3/7 @ 9 AM

Bulletin for 3/17 = Thursday 3/14 @ 9 AM

Bulletin for 3/24 = Thursday 3/21 @ 9 AM

Bulletin for 3/31 = Wednesday 3/27 @ 9 AM

Newsletter for April = Monday 3/25 @ 9 AM

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

<u>Members in Service :</u>		
	Greeters	Deacon of the Week
3/3	Nancy Wright, Cathy Kelly	Charles Mains
3/10	Kathy & Danny Warmack	Paul Morris
3/17	Dorothy Alford, Shirley Salley	Don Burkett
3/24	Shirley Salley, Delores Geoghagan, and Rocky Wright	Phillip Roark
3/31	Phyllis Horton, Gary and Ramona Moore	Mark Jordan

Look Ahead at Upcoming Activities in April:

- Saturday, April 13th – Church Clean Up Day
- Sunday, April 14th – Church Council Meeting @ 4 PM
- Sunday, April 14th – Finance Committee Meeting @ 5 PM
- Tuesday, April 16th – WMU Meeting @ 9:30 AM
- Wednesday, March 20th – Business Meeting
- Friday, April 26th – Fourth Friday Fish Fry @ Clara Springs

Vital Statistics	
Financial February 2024	
Monthly Budget Needs:	\$ 26,100.97
Gifts Received:	\$ 22,676.63
Budget Needs shortage:	\$ 3,424.34



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