

# First BAPTIST CHURCH

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## Newsletter: May 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

- 5/1 MHS Baccalaureate
- 5/4 Toledo Bend Resort Children Fishing Derby @ 9am - lunch
- 5/5 Graduate Recognition Sunday
- 5/8 Wednesday Night Activities
- 5/9 Adult Day at Clara Springs
- 5/12 Mother's Day
- 5/15 Wednesday Night Activities
- 5/17 Mission & Evang. Comm. Many Teachers & School Bd. Appr. Day
- 5/19 Finance Committee Meeting
- 5/22 Wednesday Night Activities & Business Meeting
- 5/24 Fourth Friday Fish Fry @ Clara Springs
- 5/26 Recognition of Charles Mains and Church Memorial Day Picnic
- 5/29 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 rooms. We have a great time of food, fellowship, and study so come join us!



## Join Us!

### Sunday, May 26

after Worship Service

Burgers, Hot Dogs & the fixings!

Fellowship!  
Fun & Games for everyone!

Please RSVP &  
Sign up for  
side dishes with the church office.



Bring family & friends!

We will have grilled hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixings for those items. You can bring side dishes, chips, dips, and desserts. Please sign up by May 19<sup>th</sup> so we can prepare adequately. There will be games set up outside for fun and fellowship. Plenty of fun for young and old to participate in. Invite family and friends to come join in the festivities.

### Gideon Speaker on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>

#### Offering for Gideons to be Collected

*We will welcome John Sandel as our Gideon Speaker on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Our special offering emphasis for May will be collected for the Sabine Parish Gideons. You can give any Sunday during May or by giving at the conclusion of the service on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Pray about your part in supporting the Gideons and their mission of placing the Holy Word in the hands of those who need it.*

### Many High School Baccalaureate Service

Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> @ 6 p.m.

There will be no activities at our church on May 1<sup>st</sup> so those wishing to attend baccalaureate may do so. Support and pray for these grads.



### Recognition of our Graduates Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

We will honor these graduates and present them a gift from the church during the Morning Worship Service on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.

*Charles Mains will be going to Deacon Emeritus. We will recognize him on Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> during the Morning Worship Service. Please attend as we show our appreciation for his years of serving as a Deacon.*



### **Announcement from the Church Office**

Just a reminder the Church Office will be closed for the next several Monday afternoons. This will allow the office staff to do some records work, cleaning, and maintenance with minimal interruptions. If it is an emergency, of course we will be there to take care of that. Thank you for your help and understanding about the office closure.

### **Church Business Meeting**

**Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 6 p.m.**

There are several important items to be discussed. Church members are urged to attend. Come be a part of the business matters and decisions of the church.

### **Finance Committee Meeting**

**Sunday, May 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.

Operation Christmas Child needs your help. They are doing a special project and need bottle cap lids from soda and water bottles. They need blue, clear, and white lids. So if you could help collect these, it would be much appreciated. They can be turned into the church office or to Kathy Warmack.

### **33rd Annual Adult Day**

**Thursday, May 9  
10 am through lunch  
Clara Springs Camp**



**Contact the church office by Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> if you would like to attend. We will call and reserve spots for our church. This event has filled up very fast the last few years so call today to sign up and get in on the fun event.**



Do you want to keep up with the latest news from the Southern Baptist Convention and the La. Baptist Convention? There are several ways that you can do so. You can subscribe to the La. Baptist Message for \$ 14 annually. Slips are on the table by the church office to mail in to begin your subscription. You can log on to <https://www.baptistmessage.com> to look at the La. Baptist Message webpage. To view the news from a national level, log on to <https://www.baptistpress.com> for the Baptist Press, owned by the Southern Baptist Convention. Contact the church office for help and more information.



***Dates for VBS have changed!!***  
***Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> & Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup> 5 – 8 p.m.***  
***Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.***



***After the VBS meeting recently, it was decided that we would change the length and dates of VBS. Please mark this on your calendar. If can help with VBS, please contact Ginger Jordan. Please be in prayer for our VBS, praying for the children and workers, and that we will spread God's message to the children.***

### **Fourth Friday Fish Fry at Clara Springs**

**Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> is the next fish fry at Clara Springs Camp. It begins at 5 PM and is \$ 15 per person. Contact Clara Springs for more details.**

**Make plans to attend.**

***Church Office Closed on  
Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day***



Several upcoming dates for the Sanctuary flowers are available. If you have a day in mind to place flowers or want to know what dates are available, please call the church office. These dates are on a “first come, first serve” basis so if you have a special date in mind, please call and reserve. Thank you to everyone for putting flowers in the Sanctuary.

### WMU Meeting

on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> @ 9:30 AM

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

### Ways to Give Your Tithes & Offerings

- Place in offering plate as you enter or exit the Sanctuary on Sundays.
- Mail to Church (P.O. Box 239, Many, LA 71449).
- Come by the church during office hours.
- Log on to [www.fbcmany.org/giving](http://www.fbcmany.org/giving) or Text FBCMANY to 73256.

THANKS  
FROM THE  
HEART

Dear Church members,

Thanks so much for the cards, prayers, food, and concern for us after the death of my mom, Dovie Tarver. She was 100 years, 6 months, and 14 days old. She did “fly away” and is now resting with Jesus!

With Love, Shirley Salley and family

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### A Word from Bro. Mark –

#### Outside the church walls

It was my pleasure to participate in the dedication service of the Toledo Bend Resort Ministry’s new ministry building last Sunday. I spent the hour before the service driving up and down the backroads of the area observing life being lived there. There are so many dwellings. Some are very elaborate and some very simple. Some are occasional vacation homes and others house more than one family every day.

Through TBRM, churches of our area have a “beachhead” on Toledo Bend Lake to reach vacationers, retirees, local residents and particularly the youngest citizens of Sabine Parish. FBC Many should take “pride” (the kind where something has honored the Lord) in the ministry it has supported for a long time.

Some things to propel us as a church on mission to reach folks in the area:

1. The community is dynamic meaning there are always new folks around visiting as well as permanent residents from a wide range of socioeconomic backgrounds. Every new face is an opportunity to share the Love of Jesus.
2. There are people around us all year round that have lost connection with a church and drifted far from the Lord. Just an invitation to church or VBS or lunch could be the catalyst to changing a life.
3. There are people around us that have never come to a saving knowledge of Christ. We should be passionate about reaching them.
4. We should support the folks that serve through TBRM through prayer, encouraging words, finances and time given.

This last month I’ve preached a lot about the Apostle Paul’s ministry through missionary journeys. I can’t dismiss the notion that ministry in Sabine parish is a lot like ministry in the province of Achaia mentioned in the book of Acts, chapters 17 and 18. That’s where Athens and Corinth lies. One city is an intellectual crossroads and the other is a crossroads of culture and trade. Paul gave all he had of himself to tell those busy people about Jesus and it propagated the Church.

Let’s live that way too. Let’s get busy sharing Jesus at the crossroads.

Thank you Lord for the leadership that makes Toledo Bend Resort Ministry happen - Mary Gore, Danny Warmack, Ron Thompson and Jack Bell. Y’all are godly heroes on a missionary journey!

Pastor Mark Robinson





1 Cally Lang-Killingsworth,  
Micah Crittenden  
2 Robert Dale  
Geoghagan

8 Ann Tibbett  
10 Linda Sparks  
18 Amanda LaFollette  
20 Coby Lang  
23 Jeff Morrow

24 Danny Warmack  
25 Charles Mains  
28 Jimmy Bray  
29 Lana Roark Dauterive  
30 Trotter LaFollette

### Members in Service :

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

### **Deacon Counters for May – Paul Morris & Don Burkett**

### **Bulletin & Newsletter Deadlines**

Bulletin for 5/5 = Thursday 5/2 @ 9 AM  
 Bulletin for 5/12 = Thursday 5/9 @ 9 AM  
 Bulletin for 5/19 = Thursday 5/16 @ 9 AM  
 Bulletin for 5/26 = Thursday 5/23 @ 9 AM  
 Newsletter for June = Thursday 5/23 @ 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 June:

- Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> – Finance Meeting @ 5 PM
- June 11 & 12 – Southern Baptist Convention in Indianapolis
- Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup> – Father's Day
- Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> – Business Meeting @ 6 PM
- June 20 – 22 – Vacation Bible School
- June 28<sup>th</sup> - Fourth Friday Fish Fry @ Clara Springs

### **Vital Statistics**

#### **Financial April 2024**

Monthly Budget Needs:	\$ 26,100.97
Gifts Received for April:	\$ 28,955.38
Budget Needs exceeded:	\$ 2,854.41

**Watch our Sunday Morning Worship Services live on our Facebook page. If you cannot join us in person, please use this way to worship with us each week.**



### **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**