

Newsletter: October 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

OCTOBER EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

10/1 Budget & Fin. Mtg @ 6PM
10/2 Wednesday Night Activities
10/3 Ladies Book Club @ 2 PM
10/13 Church Council Mtg @ 4
10/13 Finance Meeting @ 5 PM
10/9 Wednesday Night Activities
10/15 WMU Meeting
10/16 Wednesday Night Activities & Business Meeting
10/19 Town Fall Festival
10/23 Wednesday Night Activities
10/30 Wednesday Night Activities
10/31 Town of Many Trick or Treat

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!

DEACON SELECTION PROCESS

This past week, church members received a letter concerning an upcoming Deacon Election process. At the conclusion of the Worship Service on Sunday October 13th, we will enter into a called Business Meeting so that church members that are present can vote for three candidates of their choice. Please make plans to be here so that you can vote. The ballots will be counted and the nominees screened by the Interim Pastor, Chairman of the Deacons, and Deacon Vice-chair prior to the November 20th Business Meeting where they will be presented for final approval. The Deacon Ordination is set for Sunday, December 1st during the AM Worship Service. Be in prayer as to who the Lord is directing you to select to serve our church and the men that the Lord has selected in this role. If you have any questions on this or if you did not receive the letter, contact the church office.



Budget & Finance Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 1st @ 6 PM

We will begin "plugging in" the 2025 Church Budget figures. Members of this committee and committee chairpersons are urged to be prepared to present your 2025 budget figures. If you have any questions, contact Paul Morris or the church office.

Church Council Meeting * Sunday, Oct. 13th @ 4:00 PM

It's almost time for the quarterly Church Council Meeting. Church leaders and Committee Chairpersons are urged to attend so we can discuss and place events and activities for the remainder of 2024 and for 2025 to the church calendar. If you have any questions, contact the office.



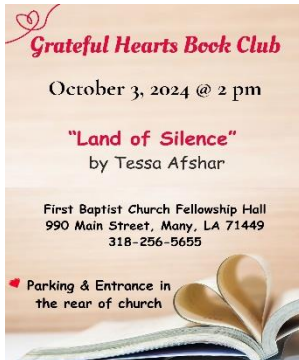
Our Church to Participate in Town of Many Trick or Treat Thursday, October 31st 3 – 5 p.m.

Candy and Monetary Donations Accepted

We will pass out candy and tracts to the kids on Thursday, October 31st as part of the Town of Many Trick or Treat. We will also need help in putting together candy bags. We need bags of individually wrapped candy and goodies for 1,100+ bags. There is a box placed in the hallway opposite the church office. No hard candy (jaw-breakers, etc) or suckers (anything with a stick) please since they are a hazard for small children. If you would prefer you can make a monetary donation, just make the check payable to First Baptist Church. The deadline for donations will be October 1st.

Business Meeting on Wednesday, October 16th @ 6 p.m.

There are several important items to be discussed including and begin electing messengers to the Louisiana Baptist Convention in November as well as other items and recommendations. Church members are urged to attend. Come be a part of the business matters and decisions of the church.



Women's Christian Book Club

Ladies! Looking for a Christian book club? Come join us at Many First Baptist Church. Everyone is welcome. Right now, we are meeting the first Thursday each month. The next book we will discuss is "Land of Silence" by Tessa Afshar. Get your book at your favorite bookstore or the library and come ready to discuss on Thursday, October 3rd @ 2 PM. For more info, contact the FBC office at 256-5655 or fbcmany@bellsouth.net. Invite a friend or two and come join us September 5th.

Outreach Event at Town of Many Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 19th 3 - 7 PM

Pumpkin Painting and Photo Booth

Our church will have a booth at the upcoming Town of Many Fall Festival on Saturday, October 19th from 3 – 7 PM. We will have pumpkins for the children to paint and a photo booth that everyone can enjoy. If you would like to help, please see Ramona Moore. Pray that we can reach folks at this event and tell them about Jesus as well as have opportunities to invite people to join us for worship and studies at Many FBC!



Looking for Voices for Christmas Music

Choir practices are now underway for our Christmas Music. Mike Collier is leading us in this presentation set for the evening of Sunday, December 15th. We need all voices to join us and bring a joyful noise unto the Lord. Ask a friend or two to join you and participate. Rehearsals are following the Wednesday evening activities. See Mike Collier for more details.

Nursing Home Christmas Store

Thursday, December 5th

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.



Don't forget to support our annual drive for items needed for the Nursing Home Christmas Store. Lists of suggested items are located throughout the church and in this Newsletter. A box to place your donated items is located by the church office. Thank you for your sign of love for the local nursing home residents.

The Georgia Barnette State Missions Offering has come to a close. We received \$ 1,995 of the church goal of \$3,500. Continue to pray for the lost in our state and the missionaries.

The phone lines at the church have been repaired! If you need to contact the church office after hours, please refer to the Emergency Contact Numbers on page 4 of this newsletter. If you have any information that can be relayed via email, please email to: fbcmany@yahoo.com.

WMU Meeting on Tuesday, October 15th @ 9:30 AM

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

Finance Committee Meeting

Sunday, Oct. 13th @ 5 p.m.

Committee members are urged to attend. There are several important items to discuss. If you cannot attend, contact Paul Morris or the office.

CHURCH COUNCIL QUARTERLY MEETING ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13TH @ 4 PM

The quarterly Council Meeting is approaching FAST! We need all committee chairpersons, and Church Leaders to attend. All committees should meet prior to the Council Meeting to plan activities and events for the remainder of 2024 as well as 2025 for planning and **budget planning**. Committees can contact the office to schedule events to be placed on the church calendar. All church leaders and committee chairs are urged to attend the Council Meeting.

October Monthly Special Offering Emphasis are Taylor House and Operations Christmas Child Shoe Boxes

The month of October is the time that we will collect the special offering donations for the Taylor House (October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month). The monthly items emphasis is Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Shoeboxes are available at the church for you to pick up and fill before November 10th. Please be generous in your support of these mission focuses.

Fourth Friday Fish Fry at Clara Springs on October 25th @ 5:00 PM

Come enjoy a great time of fellowship at the Fourth Friday Fish Fry. During this time you can meet fellow believers in Christ from ALL over Louisiana, tour the camp grounds, and even visit the Gift Shop. Cost: \$15 All You Can Eat. We accept personal checks, cash, and can most major credit cards (credit card fee will apply).



It's Football season!! Our church and Siloam BC are teaming up and hosting a tailgating spot for three Many High School home games. The spot will be near the field house and facing the field. Join us at 5 PM. Our next & last time to tailgate is November 8th. We will have Frito pies. Bring a lawn chair as well as a friend and join us for tailgating.

We only have 2 Sundays left open in the year for flowers for the Sanctuary. These dates include November 3rd and November 10th. Please contact the church office so we can schedule you for a date.



Does the church office have your correct contact information? If you are unsure, please drop us an email with all your info (cell #, email, mailing address, anniversary date, etc.) so we can update records. Your help in making sure our records are correct is appreciated.



Dear Church Family,

Thank you seems so inadequate to express our deep appreciation for all you did for us during the untimely death of our Jason: your prayers, words of consolation and presence at his memorial service have touched our hearts tremendously.

A special thank you to the ladies who provided refreshments for the reception after the service. Jason once made the statement that the best part of a funeral was the visiting and re-living memories after the service. Thank you for making that happen.

We also appreciate the donation the church made to the Sabine Camp of Gideons in Jason's memory. It gladdens our hearts that God's Word will be shared in Jason's memory.

Although we are no longer resident members, our hearts still reside at First Baptist Many. Thank you for welcoming us home in our time of sorrow.

With much love and gratitude,

Johnny and Sharon DeWitt

Meredith DeWitt Wooster

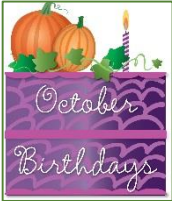
NOTE FROM THE OFFICE – My deepest apologies to the DeWitt family for not sharing this Thank You note in an earlier newsletter.

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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 or Text FBCMANY to 73256.

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



1 Eli Booker
5 Lucille DeWitt
6 Donald Scaife
7 Madaline Campbell
8 Jake Bray, Ellen Lites
10 Marilyn Booker

11 Jana Smith
13 Kathy Scaife Price
20 Chastin & Chelsie Strickland, George Jo Boyens

22 Luke Brant, Hannah Campbell
25 Cameron Cummings
27 Tara Rushing
30 Steve Deville, Cameron Ballard & Tripp Brant

Members in Service :

| | Greeters | Deacon of the Week |
|-------|---|--------------------|
| 10/6 | Nancy Wright, Cathy Kelly | Paul Morris |
| 10/13 | Kathy & Danny Warmack | Don Burkett |
| 10/20 | Phyllis Horton, Shirley Salley | Phillip Roark |
| 10/27 | Shirley Salley, Delores Geoghagan, and Rocky Wright | Mark Jordan |

Bulletin & Newsletter Deadlines

Bulletin for 10/6 = Thursday 10/3 @ 9 AM
 Bulletin for 10/13 = Thursday 10/10 @ 9 AM
 Bulletin for 10/20 = Thursday 10/17 @ 9 AM
 Bulletin for 10/27 = Thursday 10/24 @ 9 AM
 Newsletter for Nov. = Thursday 10/24 @ 9 AM
To have announcements to be placed in publications, have them to Karen or Phyllis by these deadlines.

Emergency Contact Numbers

First Baptist Church of Many
Church Office = (318)256-5655
 M – F from 8 AM – 4 PM
AFTER HOURS CONTACTS:
 Karen Sepulvado = (318)508-1138
 Phyllis Horton = (318)602-5062

**Deacon
 Counters for
 October –
 Mike Collier &
 Mark Jordan**

Vital Statistics

| Financial September 2024 | |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| Monthly Budget Needs: | \$ 26,100.97 |
| Gifts Received: | \$ 29,436.39 |
| Budget Needs Exceeded: | \$ 3,335.42 |

Look Ahead at Upcoming Activities in November:

- Sunday, November 3rd - Daylight Saving Time Ends (Fall Back 1 hour)
- Thursday, November 7th – Ladies Book Club @ 2 PM
- Sunday, November 10th – Return your Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child
- November 11th & 12th – LA Baptist Convention Meeting (Broadmoor in Shreveport)
- Sunday, November 17th – Shoebox Packing Party – after AM Worship Service
- Sunday, November 17th – Finance Committee Meeting @ 5 PM
- Tuesday, November 19th – WMU Meeting @ 9:30 AM
- Wednesday, November 20th – Business Meeting @ 6 PM
- November 24th & 25th – YEC in Alexandria
- Wednesday, November 27th – No Activities due to Thanksgiving holidays.
- November 28th & 29th – Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving holidays.



Interim Pastor – Rev. Mark Robinson

Church & Financial Secretary – Karen Sepulvado

Church Secretary – Phyllis Horton