Welcome To **First Baptist Church**Many, Louisiana



March 9, 2025

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.

First Baptist Church				
Ministry Leaders				
Rev. Mark Robinson	Interim Pastor			
Mike Collier	Music Leader			
Worship Team				
Glenda Merriman Pianist	Merrill Cummings	Organist		

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Welcome & Announcements

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Call to Worship

God, Our Father, We Adore Thee	Hymn # 337
Majesty	Hymn # 297
InvocationDeacon of the Week	Mark Jordan
Victory in Jesus	Hymn # 499
Faith Is the Victory	Hymn # 521
Message	Bro. Ray Swift
InvitationChange My Heart, O God	Hymn # 529
BenedictionThank You, Lord	Hymn # 582

Flowers for today's service are placed by Phyllis and Kimberly Horton and Judy (Cathy) Moore, in memory of their mother and grandmother, Katherine Ross Derrick and their aunt, Miss Mable Ross.

<u>Birthdays for this Week:</u> Mike Collier (3/11), Brenda Maxey (3/12), Linda Rumsey (3/14), and Paul Morris, Mark Robinson (3/15).

March Offering:		
Annie Armstrong		
Easter Offering:		
Our Church Goal:	\$3,500.00	
Offerings Received:	\$ 70.00	
Amount of goal Remaining:	\$3,430.00	

March Special Offerings Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and La. Baptist Children's Home Egg Drive & More. Your support is greatly appreciated.

	Members in Service	<u>3 :</u>	
Greeters		Deacon of the Week	
3/9	Kathy and Danny Warmack	Mark Jordan	
3/16	Phyllis Horton, Shirley Salley	Jimmy Bray	

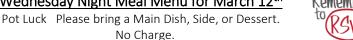
Activities This Week			
Today	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service & Livestream	
	11:00 a.m.	KWLV (107.1 FM) radio	
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Meal	
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Meeting & Bible Study	
Next Sun.	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service & Live Stream	
	11:00 a.m.	KWLV (107.1 FM) radio	
	4:30 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting	

Prayer Concerns:

Dorothy Alford, Merilyn Booker, Linda Cummings, Lucille DeWitt, Dub & Catherine Gentry, Becky Horner, Ginger Jordan, Terry Kelly, Sr., Kristi Leach, Margaret Leach, Eddie Moore, Jeff Morrow, Rev. Claude Weatherford, Pat Wiggins, Suzanne Worsham, Mary Jo Wright The Claudine Mizell Family

Vital Statistics					
Financial		Attendance			
March 2025		Date	Sun. School	Worship	
Monthly Budget Needs:	\$ 27,334.15	3/2	47	59	
Gifts Received to date:	\$ 3,515.00	3/9			
Budget Needs	\$ 23,819.15	3/16			
Remaining:		3/23			
		3/30			

Wednesday Night Meal Menu for March 12th



Note: If you plan to eat with us, RSVP to the Church Office by Tuesday at noon. Call 256-5655 or email fbcmany@bellsouth.net

Ways to Give Your Tithes & Offerings

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



We are pleased to have Bro. Ray Swift in the pulpit today. Ray Swift serves as Pastoral Leadership Director for Louisiana Baptist Association. Pray for him as he delivers the message today.

Finance Committee Meeting Sunday, March 16th Note time change @ 4:30 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. WMU Meeting on Tuesday, March 18th @ 9:30 AM

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

Operation Christmas Child Potato Soup Fundraiser Sunday, March 16



We will have a Potato Soup Lunch on Sunday, March 16 after AM Worship Service. The fundraiser will help with the Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes. There will be sign-up sheets and you will be able to dine in or carry out. It will be by donation. Take this opportunity to enjoy a good meal and help with this worthy cause.

Facebook Live Update

As many of you are aware, for the last few weeks we have been having problems with Facebook Live. We are aware of the issues. The Church Office along with the Media Committee, AVL, and others are working on trying to find a solution. The Live Stream is an important part of our ministry here at FBC. It helps us reach those that are unable to attend our service as well as us telling others about our services so they can watch and receive the message. We will update you when we have answers. NOTE - Our videos and audios of past services are on our website and YouTube. Check it out as well as share this info with others. The church YouTube has the worship videos for 2020-2025. https://www.youtube.com/@manyfirstbaptistchurch434/videos

ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS WEEK OF PRAYER AND EMPHASIS MARCH 2 - 9

Today ends our week of prayer and emphasis for Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Prayer Guides are available throughout the church, our church goal is \$3,500. We will continue to collect this offering during the months of March and April. Pray about your financial support towards this offering. For more information and resources you can go to https://www.anniearmstrong.com

LA Baptist Children's Home Egg & More Drive

The Home did make some changes to the list of needed items since eggs are a limited commodity this year. The



collection list includes: fresh eggs, plastic eggs, gift cards (fast food & entertainment), Kool-Aid/Capri Sun drink pouches, and white towels & washclothes. You can also give a monetary donation so they can purchase eggs. The "Pick Up" date is Tuesday, April 8th. If you donate gift cards, please put them in an envelope and place them in the offering boxes or slip them under the office door.

Business Meeting on Wednesday, March 19th @ 6 p.m.

Make plans to attend the Business Meeting. There are several important items to discuss. Come be a part of the business matters and decisions of the church.



Toledo Bend Baptist Resort 2024 Spring Workday

Saturday, March 22nd @ 8 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 318-452-9731.

Notes from the Pastor Search Committee:

Church Family,

Grace and peace to all in the name of Jesus our Savior!

But [in those days] false prophets arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will subtly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction on themselves. Many will follow their shameful ways, and because of them the way of truth will be maligned. And in their greed they will exploit you with false arguments and twisted doctrine. Their sentence [of condemnation which God has decreed] from a time long ago is not idle [but is still in force], and their destruction and deepening misery is not asleep [but is on its way]. 2 Peter 2:1-3 (AMP).

In the Apostle Peter's second letter to the early churches he devoted all of chapter 2 to beware of false teachers that would arise and find their way into the Church. Notice how Peter starts off the chapter with words that include "subtly introduce", "many will follow", and "twisted doctrine". Throughout scripture we are told we have an enemy that means us nothing but harm and eternal death. In Peter's first epistle he writes "Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour". Seemingly we can be more attuned and aware of teachings, ad messaging, TV programs, and internet influences of today's society that are not Biblical and blatantly lead us away from the Truth. But one might wonder what is the chance false teachers would arise within a Bible believing church? Peter strongly warns that this is done stealthily and in an underhanded manner. Little by little they introduce their new ideas and add them too or mix it in with the Truth. To quote Benjamin Franklin, "Half the truth is often a whole lie". To say there are very high stakes involved with this dangerous topic is an understatement. Considering the subtlety by which "false doctrine" may be introduced in today's churches, only those who carefully pay attention to the prophetic true Word of God will notice.

As we all continue to pray for our next pastor, we would also ask you, our church family, to join us in praying for Divine wisdom, knowledge, and discernment in these specific matters.

Pastor Search Committee