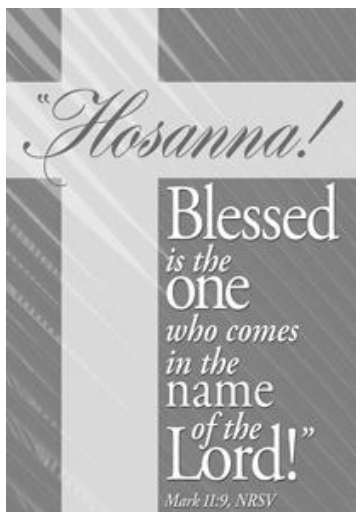


# ***Welcome To First Baptist Church Many, Louisiana***



***April 13, 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

Home Missions Ministry Emphasis

Call to Worship

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus* .....Hymn # 238

Prayer ..... Deacon of the Week ..... Don Burkett

*I Believe in a Hill Called Mount Calvary* .Hymn # 246

*In Christ Alone* .....Hymn # 506

Sermon .....Bro. Mark Robinson

Invitation .....*The Savior Is Waiting* .....Hymn # 412

Postlude ....*Since Jesus Came into My Heart*..Hymn # 624

**Birthdays for this Week:** Kristi Leach (13) and Maressa Brant (19).

**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](http://www.fbcmany.org/giving) or Text FBCMANY to 73256.

| <i>March &amp; April Offering:</i><br><i>Annie Armstrong</i><br><i>Easter Offering</i> |            |
|--|------------|
| <i>Our Church Goal:</i>  | \$3,500.00 |
| <i>Offerings Received:</i>   | \$3,726.00 |
| <i>Amount of goal</i>  |            |
| <i>Exceeded:</i>   | \$ 226.00  |

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

| <b><u>Members in Service :</u></b> |                                |                           |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
|                                    | <b>Greeters</b>                | <b>Deacon of the Week</b> |
| 4/13                               | Kathy and Danny Warmack        | Don Burkett               |
| 4/20                               | Phyllis Horton, Shirley Salley | Phillip Roark             |

## ***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         |
|           | 4:00 p.m.  | Church Council Meeting        |
|           | 5:00 p.m.  | Finance Committee Meeting     |
| Tuesday   | 9:30 a.m.  | WMU Meeting                   |
| Wednesday | 5:30 p.m.  | Meal                          |
|           | 6:00 p.m.  | Prayer Meeting & Bible Study  |
|           | 6:00 p.m.  | Business Meeting              |
| 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         |

## **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 John Earhart family

## **Vital Statistics**

| Financial<br>April 2025    |              | Attendance |             |         |
|----------------------------|--------------|------------|-------------|---------|
|                            |              | Date       | Sun. School | Worship |
| Monthly Budget Needs:      | \$ 27,334.15 | 4/6        | 41          | 52      |
| Gifts Received to date:    | \$ 18,343.00 | 4/13       |             |         |
| Budget Needs<br>Remaining: | \$ 8,991.15  | 4/20       |             |         |
|                            |              | 4/27       |             |         |

### **Wednesday Night Meal Menu for April 16<sup>th</sup>**

Pot Luck Please bring a Main Dish, Side, or Dessert.

No Charge.

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](mailto:fbcmany@bellsouth.net)

Remember  
to **RSVP**

## **Church Council Meeting**

### **Today @ 4:00 PM**

**Church leaders and Committee Chairpersons  
 are urged to attend so we can discuss and  
 place events and activities for the remainder  
 of 2025 to the church calendar.**



## **Finance Committee Meeting**

**Today @ 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.

## **WMU Meeting on Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 AM**

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

## **Church Business Meeting Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 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.



## **Many FBC Outreach to participate in Wildwood Easter Event on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Seeking volunteers to help in this event.**

Our church will be participating in the Wildwood Easter Event on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> we will have crafts for the children to do as well as a photo backdrop for families. This will be a good outreach event where we can share the love of Christ and Many FBC. If you would like to help, see Virginia Burkett. Come join us and have some fun as we reach out to share the love of Many FBC.

### **Church Office Closures**

**Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> for Good Friday  
AND Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup> for Ministry  
Assistants Conference**

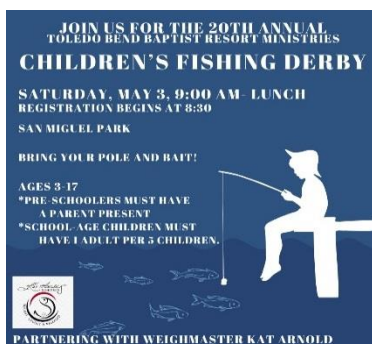


### **Church T-Shirts are Here!!**

***Tiffeni Campbell will have the last of the T-shirts with her today. If you haven't paid please see her today to pay and pick up your T Shirt. If you have paid and not gotten your shirt please see her today!!***



***Easter Sunday Services***  
***Sunday, April 20th***  
*We encourage everyone to attend our Easter Sunday Service next Sunday. Invite family and friends to join us for Sunday School and Worship services on Easter Sunday Morning. The staff at Many FBC would like to wish everyone a very Happy Easter.*

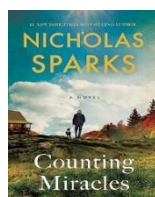


**ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING  
 FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS  
 RECEIVED TO DATE = \$3,726.00  
 CHURCH GOAL - \$3,500.00**

**Just a reminder there will only be a few more Sundays to give to our annual Annie Armstrong Offering. We encourage you if you haven't given to take this opportunity to give. There are offering envelopes placed throughout the church.**

## **Grateful Hearts Book Club**

**Ladies! Looking for a Christian book club? Come join us at Many First Baptist Church. Everyone is welcome. The group meets the first Thursday of each month. The next book we will discuss is "Counting Miracles" by Nicholas Sparks. Get your book at your favorite bookstore or the library and come ready to discuss it at our meeting on Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> @ 2 PM. Bring a friend. For more information, contact the FBC office at 256-5655.**



## **Notes from the Pastor Search Committee:**

Dear Church Family,

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

*As Jesus went into Capernaum, a centurion came up to Him, begging Him [for help], and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, with intense and terrible, tormenting pain." Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion replied to Him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have You come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man subject to authority [of a higher rank], with soldiers subject to me; and I say to one, 'Go!' and he goes, and to another, 'Come!' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this!' and he does it." When Jesus heard this, He was amazed and said to those who were following Him, "I tell you truthfully, I have not found such great faith [as this] with anyone in Israel. Matt 8:5-10 (AMP)*

In New Testament times, a Roman centurion was a professional military officer commanding a platoon of troops called a 'century'. Their importance was based on seniority, with the senior centurion being in a position of great prestige and very high in the chain of command. The Bible mentions several Roman centurions, with this one who approached Jesus for healing on behalf of his servant possibly of higher rank. For these men to make a request of anyone, let alone Jesus, a Jew, would have required great faith and humility. Even stating he was not worthy to have Jesus under his roof, "but only say the word". Two times in the gospels Jesus Christ stated that certain individuals had "great faith". In both cases the individuals with "great faith" were non-Israelites. Showing us, the faith that pleases God is not reserved for the religious crowd, but anyone who trust and believes can be transformed from death to life through the Gospel of Jesus Christ by grace through faith. The centurion's faith "amazed" Jesus. His trust in God's Word should challenge us to focus on what faith truly is. The centurion also understood Jesus' Word held authority to heal without physical touch. Believing Christ represented GOD, therefore in the chain of command that comes from God the Father. So, by his faith, he believed what GOD said.

An important lesson to learn from these passages is that God's goodness, mercy, and faithfulness is not subject to our limitations or perceptions of what HE can or will not do. Jesus asks us to have a child-like faith; trusting in Him without overthinking. We must trust that God's Word is sufficient, very capable, and we have it! Please remember, when God reveals to us our new Pastor there may be changes that require us to take steps of great faith in humility. The centurion believed beyond what he could see or even rationalize. He humbled himself and simply trusted the Word of God! One has to wonder could Jesus say he was "amazed" of our personal faith in Him?

Pastor Search Committee

