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Ministry Leaders			
Rev. Mark Robinson		Interim Pastor	
Worship Team			
Mike Collier		Music Director	
Glenda Merriman	Pianist	Merrill Cummings	Organist

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

For a full list of Prayer Concerns, pick up the separate Prayer List from Prayer Meeting!

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

May Monthly Meetings

Sunday, May 18th Finance Committee Meeting @ 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 20th - WMU Meeting @ 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 21st – Business Meeting @ 6 p.m.

Vital Statistics				
Financial		Attendance		
April 2025		Date	Sun. School	Worship
Monthly Budget Needs:	\$27,334.15	4/6	41	52
Gifts Received to date:	\$24,016.00	4/13	42	52
Budget Needs Remaining:	\$ 3,318.15	4/20		
		4/27		

Order of Worship Sunday, April 20, 2025

Welcome & Announcements Missions Emphasis Congregational Call to Service

Christ Arose		Hymn #273
Prayer	Deacon of the Week	Phillip Roark
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Sermon		Bro. Mark Robinson dayHymn #270

Flowers for today's service are placed in memory of Claudine Mizell.

<u>Birthdays:</u> Corley Jackson (24) and Pete Abington (25).

	<u>Members in Service :</u>	
	Greeters	Deacon of the Week
4/20	Phyllis Horton and Shirley Salley	Phillip Roark
4/27	Delores Geoghagan, Shirley Salley, and Rocky Wright	Mark Jordan

Ways to Give Your Tithes & Offerings

- Place in offering plate 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.



Wednesday Night Meal Menu for April 23rd

Pot Luck ** No Charge.

Please bring a Main Dish, Side, or Dessert.

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

Notes from the Pastor Search Committee:

Church Family,

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

"For the joy that lay before him, he endured the cross, despising the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:2

During this time of year, we often reflect on the crucifixion of Jesus and the agonizing pain He endured. We remember the betrayal by his friends Judas and Peter, the mocking, the beating, the trials, and the shame that He endured. Keeping our eyes on Jesus in this way helps us remember the reality of the cost Jesus paid for our salvation.

However awful the cross was, there were reasons Jesus was able to endure it with joy. First, He knew His purpose. Jesus was sent as the Savior of the world. Only He could live a sinless life and be the spotless sacrifice. Second, Jesus knew that on his death and resurrection, He would be reunited with His Father, and all who believed in Him would join Him one day.

We keep our focus on Jesus because He has already run this race and finished it in victory. His example is perfect and the highest model of faith.

As we look up to Jesus as our role model, it is essential to ask ourselves how we are living with a purpose. Our ultimate goal should be to bring honor and glory to God and spread the gospel to others.

We have eternal life with Jesus, and our resurrection is guaranteed. There will be no more mourning, crying, or pain once we are with Him. Knowing our purpose and what lies ahead of us will give us strength to endure any suffering and fill our hearts with joy.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

John 3:16 NIV

Father, thank you for Jesus. Please help me keep my eyes on Him and endure with joy whatever is before me.

We thank each and every one of you for your continued prayers for the Pastor Search Committee and for the pastor God has out there for our church. In God's time He will provide us with the pastor and shepherd He knows is right for our church and church family.

Pastor Search Committee



Our church voted to adopt the following CORE VALUES statements as our church's Core Values.
These Core Values are on our church website, and church publications

occasionally 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.

Prayer Card in Offering Boxes

If you have a request that you want to share with us, there are "Prayer Request Cards" located at various entrances. Just drop the card in the offering box or at the church office. We will add your requests to the "Prayer List" sheets on Wednesdays. You can also call the church office by 2 PM on Wednesdays to get your requests added. Please pick up Prayer List each week and use them as you say your daily prayers.

Church Memorial Day Picnic = Sunday, May 25th

Adult Day at Clara Springs Contact the church office by Tuesday, April 22nd 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.



ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING FOR NORTH **AMERICAN MISSIONS**

CHURCH GOAL = \$3,500 RECEIVED TO DATE = \$3,826 The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions will conclude at the end of April. If you haven't given we encourage you to take this opportunity to give. Offering envelopes & prayer guides are located throughout the church. For more info, log on to AnnieArmstrong.com.

Grateful Hearts Book Club

Ladies! Looking for a Christian book club? Come join us at Many First Baptist Church. Everyone is welcome. The group usually meets the first Thursday of each month. However next month it will be the second Thursday of the 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 next meeting on Thursday, May 8th @ 2 PM. Bring a friend. For more information, contact the FBC office at 256-5655.

Graduate Recognition CELEBRATE

It's almost time to honor our graduates. If you know of anyone in our church family who is graduating High School or College, please contact the church office by

phone or email no later than Tuesday, April 22. We plan to honor them on Sunday, May 4, 2025.

Special Guest Speaker Sunday, April 27th Rev. Brad Gill from Louisiana Christian University







VBS 2025 "Magnified" July 6- 9 5 - 8 p.m.

Come join us as we discover the Bigness of God in the smallest of things. We are looking for explorers from preschool through 6th

grade. We are excited this year to have the students from Baptist Collegiate Ministry come and work with us. We are sure they will bring lots of energy and excitement to VBS. As we prepare for VBS pray for everyone involved that includes workers and children. You can register children by calling 318-256-5655 or email the church at fbcmany@bellsouth.net Mark your calendar now and make plans to join us as we Magnify the greatness of God.

Church Office Closure on Monday, April 21st

Just a reminder the Church Office will be closed Monday, April 21st This will allow Karen and Phyllis to attend the Ministry Assistants Conference that will be held at the District Eight Office in Natchitoches. The Church Office will resume normal hours Tuesday, April 22st. Thank you for your consideration of this closure.

PRAY FOR OUR PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

We are asking for your daily prayers for our Pastor Search Committee as they continue the daunting task of seeking the man that the Lord



has chosen to be our next Pastor. Also pray for the man that the Lord had already selected to be our next Pastor. Members of this committee include: Jimmy Bray (chairman), Terry Brandon, Tiffeni Campbell, Ramona Moore, and Phillip Roark.

Sanctuary Flower Calendar -

Reserve your Sunday for flowers with the Church Office

The 2025 Sanctuary flower calendar has several upcoming open dates available for you to place flowers in memory or honor of family, friends, or loved ones. Open dates include all of May and June. Call the church office today to reserve a Sunday or two. The dates are on a first come, first serve basis so if you have a particular date in mind, call today to get it reserved.



We are so pleased you have come to worship with us on this special day. We invite you to pick up a newsletter which will contain lots of information about upcoming events. You can always visit our website at fbcmany.org. Our website contains information about service times for church services.

Mother's Day Breakfast Sunday, May 11th @ 8:45 a.m. Our church will be honoring all mothers and their families with a breakfast celebration on Sunday, May 11th starting at 8:45 a.m. There will be sign-up sheets available next week. This will help them get a more accurate count of how many we need to prepare for. We encourage you to invite family and friends to join in this special event as well as for Sunday School and Worship.

Vacation Bible School Meeting

Wednesday, April 23rd @ 4:30 p.m. There will be a meeting Wednesday for every one that is involved in VBS. It is important that everyone attend. If you are



not involved but would like to help out with VBS we encourage you to attend. If you have any questions please contact the Church Office or Debbie Roark.

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