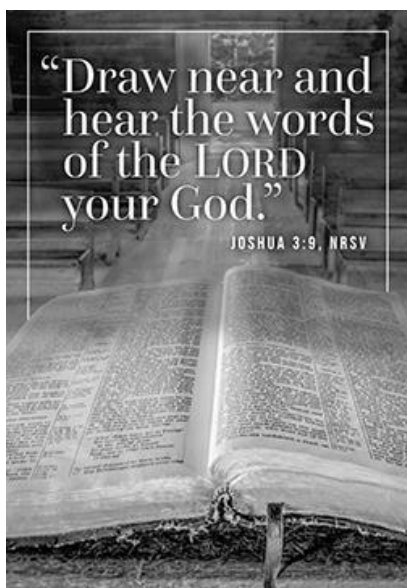


Welcome To First Baptist Church Many, Louisiana



May 18, 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

Call to Worship

Standing on the PromisesHymn # 339
Prayer Deacon of the Week Mike Collier
Holy Bible, Book DivineHymn # 345
Wonderful Words of LifeHymn # 338
How Firm a Foundation.....Hymn # 456

Message..... Michael Wilson

Benediction *Jesus Loves Me*Hymn # 652

Gideon Special Offering

Feel free to donate to the Gideon Special Offering as you exit either at the front or the back of the Sanctuary.

Birthdays for this Week: Coby Lang (20), Jeff Morrow (23), and Danny Warmack (24).

Flowers for today’s service are given by the Lites family in loving memory of Les Lites.

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.

<i>May Offering: Gideon’s Offering:</i>	
<i>Our Church Goal:</i>	\$2,000.00
<i>Offerings Received:</i>	\$ 150.00
<i>Amount of goal</i>	\$1,850.00
<i>Remaining:</i>	

May Special Offering’s
*Gideon Offering &
FBC Food Pantry*
Your support is greatly appreciated

<u>Members in Service :</u>		
	Greeters	Deacon of the Week
5/18	Phyllis Horton and Shirley Salley	Mike Collier
5/25	Delores Geoghagan, Shirley Salley, and Rocky Wright	Paul Morris

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
	5:00 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	WMU Meeting
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Church 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, Marilyn Booker, Lucille DeWitt,
 Dub & Catherine Gentry, Terry Geoghagan, 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 Barbara Lewing Family

Vital Statistics

Financial May 2025		Attendance		
		Date	Sun. School	Worship
Monthly Budget Needs:	\$ 27,334.15	5/4	34	44
Gifts Received to date:	\$ 16,314.00	5/11	41	46
Budget Needs Remaining:	\$ 11,020.15	5/18		
		5/25		



Wednesday Night Meal Menu for May 21st

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

Personnel & Music Comm. Meeting

Wednesday, May 21st @ 5 p.m.



There will be a combined meeting of the
 Personnel and Music Committee on Wednesday, May 21st @
 5 p.m. They will meet in the Youth Room. It is important that
 all members of these committees be present.

Gideon Speaker Today

Offering for Gideons to be Collected

We are pleased to welcome Michael Wilson as our Gideon Speaker today. Our special offering emphasis for May is collected for the Sabine Parish Gideons. You can give any Sunday during May or by giving at the conclusion of the service today. Pray about your part in supporting the Gideons and their mission of placing the Holy Word in the hands of those who need it.

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, May 20th
@ 9:30 AM**

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

Missions and Evangelism Committee Needs Volunteers

The Missions and Evangelism Committee will distribute doughnuts to Many school personnel and the School Board office on Wednesday, May 21st. This is our way of showing our appreciation for all the hard work they have provided throughout the school year. If you can help, contact the church office or Virginia Burkett.



Business Meeting

Wednesday, May 21st @ 6 p.m.

There are several important items to be discussed including electing messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas on June 10-11 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.

Fourth Friday Fish Fry at Clara Springs

Friday, May 23rd @ 5 p.m.

Contact Clara Springs for more details. Make plans to attend



Save the Date Sunday, May 25th Memorial Day Picnic

Immediately following church service Sunday, May 25th we will gather downstairs for our annual church picnic. The church will furnish grilled hotdogs and hamburgers. You are asked to bring a side dish, chips, dips, or dessert. This is something the church looks forward to every year. The church is planning to have games and activities for everyone. Looks like we have several who want to participate in a corn hole tournament. If you would like to enter the tourney, contact Tiffeni Campbell. We encourage you to invite family and friends to attend.

Items Needed for VBS

We need your help for VBS! We need half gallon cardboard milk cartons (not plastic). We need about 20 for as part of a craft for the kids. Please rinse them out and place them in the Children's Sunday School room. Thanks for your help with this.

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 5th grade. We are excited this year to have the students from Baptist Collegiate Ministry come and work with us. As we prepare for VBS, pray for everyone involved, that includes workers and children. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Debbie Roark. You can pre-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.



We have available invite cards that you can take and pass out to family and friends. On one side it has information about our church picnic next Sunday on the other side has information about our Sunday Services. We will have them placed on the table outside the church office as well as other areas throughout the church.

Sermon Notes:

Notes from the Pastor Search Committee:

Church Family,

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

For whoever wishes to save his life [in this world] will [eventually] lose it [through death], but whoever loses his life [in this world] for My sake will find it [that is, life with Me for all eternity]. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world [wealth, fame, success], but forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? Matthew 16:25-26 (AMP)

Sadly, we sometimes see this world as having everything we need for a happy and fulfilled life. Desiring a life of ease, a life of comfort, a life devoid of troubles and sickness; often doing all we can to accomplish these things in this life at the expense of the next. In the beginning that was so (Genesis 1:29-31); however, when man sinned he put self on the throne of his life in place of God. We are commanded to lay up treasure in heaven and not seek after the pleasures and comforts of this world. None of which can be had without salvation through Christ Jesus. *Whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life because of Christ will find it.* Jim Elliot, a missionary martyred for the sake of Christ once said, "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."

In our journey through this life may we heed the gravity of Jesus's teaching about the choices faced by every individual regarding their life's priorities. These verses serve as a stark reminder that life's luxuries and achievements, though enticing, cannot compare to the soul's eternal worth. The ultimate question remains: *what are we willing to exchange for our souls?*

As Christ identified with us and became sin for us so we might be made the righteousness of GOD in Him and live a life that says: *This world though sometimes difficult, is temporary, but my eternal soul was worth the blood of the Son of the living GOD!* Please continue to pray that our committee remains focused on HIS way and not get distracted or enticed by worldly views in accomplishing our assignment.

Pastor Search Committee

