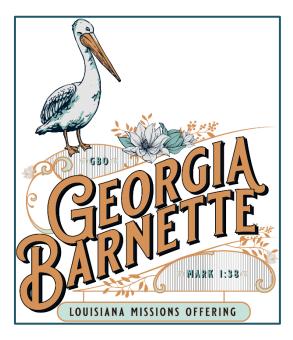
Welcome To First Baptist Church Many, Louisiana



September 7, 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 Robinso	on	Interim Pastor		
Mike Collier Music Leader				
Worship Team				
Glenda Merriman Piani	ist	Merrill Cummings	Organist	

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Welcome and Announcements

Georgia Barnette State Missions Offering Video

Call to Worship	
Praise to the Lord, The Almighty	Hymn # 1
Worthy of Worship	Hymn # 3
I Worship You, Almighty God	
Prayer Deacon of the Week	Don Burkett
I Must Tell Jesus	Hymn # 424
Because He Lives	Hymn # 449
Special Music	Cathy Collier
People Need the Lord	
Sermon Re	v. Mark Robinson
Invitation Wherever He Leads, I'll G	<i>So</i> Hymn # 437
Benediction	.Thank You Lord

Flowers for today's service are placed in loving memory of Doris M. Wright by her grandchildren.

<u>Birthdays for this Week:</u> Rocky Wright (7), Drew Payne (9), and Austin Payne (10).

August Offering:			
Dist. Eight & Sabine			
Disaster Relief Offering			
Our Church Goal:	\$	500.00	
Offerings Received:	\$	50.00	
Amount of goal Short:	\$	450.00	

September's Special Offering's Georgia Barnette State Missions and Nursing Home Store Your support is greatly appreciated.

Members in Service :			
Greeters		Deacon of the Week	
9/7	Cathy Kelly, Nancy Wright	Don Burkett	
9/14	Kathy & Danny Warmack	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	
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Church 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	
	5:00 p.m.	Finance & Budget Meeting	

Prayer Concerns:

Dorothy Alford, Jared Alford, Merilyn Booker,
Tiffeni Campbell, Linda Cummings, Lucille DeWitt,
Dub & Catherine Gentry, Becky Horner, Phyllis Horton,
Terry Kelly, Sr., Kristi Leach, Margaret Leach,
Eddie Moore, Jeff Morrow, Beth Scaife,
Rev. Claude Weatherford, Pat Wiggins,
Suzanne Worsham, Mary Jo Wright

Vital Statistics					
Financial		Attendance			
August 2025		Date	Sun. School	Worship	
Monthly Budget Needs:	\$ 27,334.15	8/3	45	63	
Gifts Received to date:	\$ 40,402.38	8/10	47	75	
Budget Needs	\$ 13,068.23	8/17	40	61	
Exceeded:		8/24	41		
		8/31	36	44	

Wednesday Night Meal Menu for Sept. 10th

Pot Luck 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

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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 <u>www.fbcmany.org/giving</u> or Text FBCMANY to 73256.

The Georgia Barnette State Missions Offering will be collected this month. The week of prayer is September 7 - 14 and prayer guides and envelopes are available. Our church goal is \$3,500 so please be generous in supporting this state missions. Our very own Toledo Bend Baptist Resort Ministry is one of the featured missions during this year's campaign. GBO also supports many missions efforts including the GOLA teams, counting the team that helped make our VBS a tremendous success this year. Pray for the lost in our state and the missionaries, especially our Toledo Bend Baptist Resort Mininstry missionaries – Mary & Danny.

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 9th for Church Biz Conference.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Due to Church Office staff having medical issues either themselves or with immediate family, the office hours are uncertain at this time. If you need to come to the church, it would be wise to call first. If you have an important or urgent matter and no one is at the church, please contact Karen by calling or texting (318)508-1138. If she doesn't answer, give her a little while and try again if she doesn't return your call within a few minutes. Keep the office staff and their family in your prayers.

Georgia Barnette State Missions Offering & Nursing Home Store Items are Monthly Special Offerings

The month of September is the time that we will collect the special offering for Georgia Barnette State Missions Offering and items to be donated to the annual Nursing Home Store. A box is located by the church office for you to place the nursing home items into. Please be generous in your supporting of these mission focuses.

Finance Committee Meeting with Budget Members Sunday, September 14th @ 5 p.m.

It is time to start planning and prepping for the 2026 Church Budget. Members of Finance committee along with Church Committee Chairpersons and department leaders are urged to attend so that you can pick up your budget packets. There are several important financial items to discuss and decide, as well. If you can't attend or are unsure if you are to attend, please contact Paul Morris or the church office.

Tomorrow, the Children's Home van will be here to pick up the donations for the Fall Food Roundup. Please have your donations here tomorrow by noon. A box is located by the church office to put purchased items in The



church office to put purchased items in. The Home is also accepting monetary donations. You can turn in your donation to the church but make checks payable to the Children's Home.

Tailgating Opportunity on September 12th

Many FBC is teaming up with Siloam Baptist Church to participate in tailgating at the MHS home Football games. The next date we will be tailgating is September 12th. Bring a chair and come join us. This is a great way for our church to do tailgating, food, and Christian fellowship. Our church will supply pizza. Make plans to be there at 5 p.m. on the 12th.

Round Up Sunday on September 21st Chuck Wagon Breakfast, Guest Preacher, and Special Music

Get ready to "Round Up" people to come to Many FB for a special day on Sunday, September 21st. Bro. James Lee "Peanut" Copes & wife Lori will be here and prepare us a real "Chuck Wagon" breakfast which will begin at 9 AM. This will take the place of our Sunday School time. At 10:30 AM, he will also preach during the Worship Service. Leading our singing and playing special music that day will be Russell Peace. You are encouraged to come in your western attire or dress casual that day. Begin to Round Up folks giving them a "Yee Haw" for this Round Up coming up soon! See ya here, Partner!!

Sabine Baptist Association Annual Meeting

Church members are encouraged to attend this meeting at Hornbeck FBC. If you would like to be elected as messengers, let the church office know so that you can be elected at the Business Meeting on September 17th. At the meeting, a meal will be served at 6:00 PM and the meeting will follow. Come be a part and get the reports of what all is happening and works all across our association.

September Meeting Schedule

Sunday, 9/14 @ 5 PM – Finance & Budget Committee Tuesday, 9/16 @ 9:30 AM- WMU Meeting Wednesday, 9/18 @ 6:00 PM - Business Meeting

Notes from the Pastor Search Committee:

Church Family,

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

Ever wonder, "What is God doing?" "Why is He letting this happen in my life?" I'm sure we have all found ourselves in these situations at some point in our lives. One biblical example is when Joseph, son of Jacob (also named Israel), was sold by his brothers to the slave traders. Stephen summarizes the event in Acts:

"And the patriarchs, jealous of Joseph, sold him into Egypt; but God was with him and rescued him out of all his afflictions and gave him favor and wisdom before Pharaoh, king of Egypt, who made him ruler over Egypt and over all his household." Acts 7:9-10 (ESV)

Notice two distinct words Stephen uses "but God" in his testimony to the high priest just before they stoned him. When we are faced with negative situations in our lives and realize, as humans, we really have no control of the big picture, it is natural to begin to ask the aforementioned questions – What? and Why? Joseph's story is the ultimate example of reassurance for all of us who wonder, "What is God doing in my life?"

Joseph was betrayed by his own family, sold as a slave, falsely accused of attempted rape, and thrown into prison. He experienced a downward spiral none of us would ever want, until those two life-changing words we found written in these scriptures appear; "but God". The odds were against Joseph, *but* GOD was with him. His life was out of control, *but* GOD had a plan. He was left with nothing, *but* GOD was about to give him everything. God delivered Joseph from his troubles, gave him favor and wisdom, and took him from the bottom to put him on the top. Giving all glory to the LORD, Joseph tells his brothers – "As for you, you meant evil against me, *but* GOD meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today." Genesis 50:20

Separate from a prophet or the Lord explicitly revealing His plan to us, we are called to live by faith in obedience to an all-knowing, just, and loving God that is in complete control of the universe. Who veiled the Glory of Himself in the flesh as to walk among humanity and sacrifice Himself to save us from our own destruction. Now the question becomes – Who *but* GOD is able to do this? and Why would I put my trust in anything *but* GOD?

Pastor Search Committee