

## Newsletter: February 2026

### 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.*

### Mark Your Calendars

#### EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

- 2/1 Sunday School & Worship
- 2/4 Wednesday Night Activities
- 2/5 Women's Bible Study
- 2/5 Grateful Hearts Book Club
- 2/8 Sunday School & Worship
- 2/9 Assoc. Missions Banquet
- 2/11 Wednesday Night Activities
- 2/12 Ladies Bible Study
- 2/12 Dist. Eight Conv. Ann. Mtg
- 2/15 Sunday School & Worship
- 2/15 Finance Comm. Meeting
- 2/17 WMU Meeting
- 2/18 Wednesday Night Activities & Business Meeting
- 2/19 Ladies Bible Study
- 2/22 Sunday School & Worship
- 2/25 Wednesday Night Activities
- 2/27 Fourth Friday Fish Fry @ Clara Springs

#### Sunday Service Schedule

- Sunday School @ 9:30 a.m.
- Worship Service @ 10:30 a.m.

#### Wednesday Night Activities

Meal @ 5:30 PM

Prayer Meeting & Bible Study @ 6 PM  
Join us weekly for this time of study and prayer. The adults will meet in the fellowship hall. Youth and Children meet in their Sunday School rooms. We have a great time of food, fellowship, and study so come join us!



### World Hunger Month

During the month of February, we will collect a love offering for food bags that will be distributed locally, including needy children over Spring Break. Please be generous in supporting this endeavor as we help fight hunger in our area.

### Sabine Association Missions Banquet

Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m. at Siloam BC

*The annual Sabine Associations Missions Banquet will be held on Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Bring your favorite Louisiana covered dish and join us. The speaker this year is Christine Gil. In addition, we will also hear from the LCU students' mission trip to Belfast Northern Ireland. For more info and to RSVP, contact Mary Gore @ 318-452-9731.*

### Soup Lunch on Sunday, February 15th

On February 15<sup>th</sup> after morning worship service, we will have a Soup Meal in the Fellowship Hall. This will be a simple meal – just soup & water. You can dine in or carry out. A basket will be on the table for donations. These donations will be used to combat hunger in our state. ALSO – at the Worship Service that day, we will curtail our use of electronics. We will sing from the hymnals, no screens on stage, etc. Make plans to join us on February 15<sup>th</sup>.



### Missions and Evangelism Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 p.m.

There will be a meeting of the Missions and Evangelism Committee at 4:30 p.m. It is important that all committee members attend. If you have any questions, please contact Virginia Burkett.

*The Church Office needs your help in making sure our contact information is correct. Recently, these forms helped us to make sure we were able to share information about canceling service due to the weather. Over the past few years, we have received returned mail and emails and/or do not have a correct phone numbers. Church Information Update sheets are located on the back table in the sanctuary and on the table by the church office. You can contact the office and we can mail or email you a form. We can take your info over the phone. Contact the church office if you have questions. Thanks for your help.*



We're Updating  
Our Member Info!

## BMDMI- Honduras Mission Trip - Packing Party on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at Natchitoches FBC

Do your Spring cleaning now and donate items to be sent to Honduras for the upcoming mission trips!

### Items needed to send to Honduras:

Hats & Caps, Men's Belts, Small Kid's Toys, Bottles of Shampoo, Conditioner, Soap, Lotions, etc. (travel size), Purses & Reusable Shopping Bags, Shoes, Towels and Washcloths. **Clothes – IMPORTANT – Please sort, bag and label by type and size (Example = Ladies Pants size 6, Men's shirts size large, etc.)** Everything needs to be clean and in good condition! Please bring your donated items to the Believers Class Sunday School Room (across from the Women's Restroom downstairs) and place in the boxes. Have items in by Wednesday, February 4th.

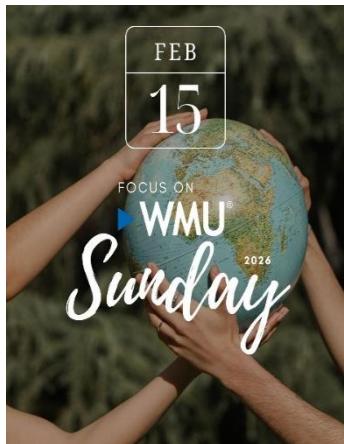
### Business Meeting on Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6 p.m.

Church members need to attend this important meeting. Several key items will be discussed and voted on. Please make plans to attend the Business Meeting. Come be a part of the business matters and decisions of the church.

### Finance Committees Meeting

**Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup> @ 5 p.m.**

All members of this committee is urged to attend. If you cannot attend, contact Paul Morris or the church office.



### District Eight Baptist Convention Annual Meeting NEW DATE= Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup> @ Clara Springs

**Meal @ 5:30 PM**

**Business Meeting & Worship @ 6:30 PM**

#### **On Agenda = Election of Dr. Jack Bell at District Eight Director**

The convention annual meeting is a great way to hear first-hand what is going on within our association. Also at this meeting, Bro. Jack Bell will be presented as the candidate for the District Eight Director as well as other important matters in our association to be discussed and voted on. The Meal begins at 5:30 PM followed at 6:30 PM by the Business Meeting and Worship. Please pray for the messengers from our church as well as other messengers that will be attending, for Bro. Jack Bell, for traveling safety and for the Convention.

### W.M.U. Meeting

**Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>  
@ 9:30 AM**

Ladies that are interested in learning and participating in missions are invited to attend.

### *Bereavement Committee in Need of Volunteers*

*We are in the process of updating our list of people to help with bereavement meals. If you could possibly make a dish or help serve during the meals, please contact the Church Office at 256-5655 to be added so that you can be contacted when the need arises. Thank you for considering to assist this ministry.*

### 4 Easy Ways to Give



service  
Give during Sunday School or Worship Service.



mobile  
Download Realm Connect from your app store then sign in with your Realm login.



text



online

Text FBCMANY to 73256 which allows quick, easy, one-time donations.

Log on to church website: [fbcmany.org](http://fbcmany.org) and click Online Giving.

### **Honduras Mission Trip 2026**

**Online Applications & \$500 Deposits**

**are now being accepted!**

**Brigade Week: May 22-29**

**Village Week: May 23-May 30**

**Surgery Week: May 29- June 5**

**Deadline to apply: Jan. 31**

**Please Contact Benjie Colvin for more information!**

**[benjiecolvin@gmail.com](mailto:benjiecolvin@gmail.com)**

## Grateful Hearts Book Club

Ladies! Looking for a Christian book club? Come join us at Many First Baptist Church. Everyone is welcome. Thursday, Feb. 5th at 2 p.m. as we discuss this month's selection "Theo of Golden" by Allen Levi. We encourage you to bring a friend along. This is a good opportunity for good Christian fellowship. For more info, contact the office at 256-5655.

## Wednesday Nights are Fabulous at Many FBC!

Join us Wednesday Nights for a great time of food, fellowship, and study. Our meal is covered dish so bring a dish or two and come have dinner with us. Prayer Meeting and Bible Studies begin at 6. Folks have really been enjoying this time of informal discussions, talking about current events, and Biblical applications. We have studies and activities for our kids and youth during this time. If you have not been attending, you are missing out!

**G.R.O.W.**  
God Renewing Our Women  
**Becoming God's Masterpiece**

**Clara Springs**  
**February 20-21 2026**  
Friday 5:30-9:00 Saturday 8:00-4:30

**Registration Deadline is February 2, 2026**  
<http://clarasprings.wufoo.com/forms/grow-women-retreat/>

**Payment Options:**

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|---|----------|
| Private Cabin with meals Price: .....             | \$119.00 |
| Shared cabin (2 ladies) with meals Price: \$86.50 |          |
| Dorm lodging and meals Price: .....               | \$68.00  |
| Dorm lodging and Saturday meals Price: \$56.00    |          |
| No lodging and 3 meals Price: .....               | \$54.00  |
| No lodging and Saturday meals Price: ...          | \$41.00  |

Boutique Booths available for rent!  
For more information, email [chaire@cp-tel.net](mailto:chaire@cp-tel.net) or call Cindy Haire 318-573-1113



*In the early morning hours of January 9<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Edna "Eddie" Moore went to be with the Lord. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM. A celebration of life will be held in Georgia in June. She joined our church in November 2015. Mrs. Eddie will truly be missed by our church, family, and friends. Our deepest sympathies to Gary & Ramona Moore and family.*

### Ways to Watch our Services

The Facebook Live Stream is a very 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. Our videos and audios of past services are also on our website and YouTube page. Log on and check it out as well as share this info with others. The church YouTube account has the worship videos for 2020-2025.

<https://www.youtube.com/@manyfirstbaptistchurch434/videos>

*The Church Flower Calendar for 2026 is now open. If you have a particular Sunday or two in mind that you would like to place flowers in our Sanctuary, please contact the church office so we can schedule you for a date. The flowers that are placed in the Sanctuary add so much beauty to our worship experience.*

### **Words from Bro. Wade –**

  
Psalm 74:17 "It was you who set all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter."

Over the last couple of weeks winter has arrived in full swing. Cold and winds can literally take your breath away at times. We turn up the heat, put on extra layers of clothes, and pray that the electricity stays on. I don't claim to understand much about God's creation when it comes to the changing seasons, especially why it has to get so cold at times. But this time of year does have its silver linings.

- It causes me to appreciate the warmth of heat.
- It causes me to slow down a bit (because who wants to be out in the cold).
- It gives me more time to reflect and think about life, what is important, and what God would want me to be doing.

I believe that God wants us to slow down and think about the things that He has done for us and to appreciate how He takes care of us throughout the years. Know that God is in control, that He has us in His hands and that He created summer and it will be here before you know it.

Stay warm and I look forward to seeing everyone at church.

Bro. Wade

The Church Office will be closed on Monday afternoons. This will allow the office staff to do some records work, cleaning, and maintenance with minimal interruptions. If it is an emergency, of course we will be there to take care of that. Thank you for your help and understanding about the closure.



11 Anne Richey, Samantha Rogers  
12 Don Burkett, Scott Gandy

|                                |                                     |                        |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Zack Ross                    | 14 Pat Wiggins                      | 20 Jeremy Brant, Robin |
| 2 A.J. Payne                   | 15 Kathy Warmack                    | Guilfoyle              |
| 3 Jeff Price,<br>Marcie Malmay | 16 Lauren Brant, Diane              | 21 Gabriella Roark     |
| 6 Loren Alford                 | Turner                              | 22 Casey Manasco       |
| 7 Karla Knippers               | 17 Suzanne Worsham,<br>Nicole Payne | 24 Emily Ramsey, Polly |
| 9 Liam Brant                   | 18 Amanda Bray, Rebecca             | Dappen Snell           |
|                                | Penfield                            | 28 Valerie Abington    |

### Members in Service :

|      | Greeters  | Deacon of the Week |
|------|---|--------------------|
| 2/1  | Cathy Kelly, Nancy Wright                           | Don Burkett        |
| 2/8  | Shirley Salley & Danny Warmack                      | Phillip Roark      |
| 2/15 | Phyllis Horton & Shirley Salley                     | Mark Jordan        |
| 2/22 | Shirley Salley, Delores Geoghegan, and Rocky Wright | Jimmy Bray         |

### Bulletin & Newsletter Deadlines

Bulletin for 2/1 = Friday 1/30 @ 9 AM  
 Bulletin for 2/8 = Thursday 2/5 @ 9 AM  
 Bulletin for 2/15 = Thursday 2/12 @ 9 AM  
 Bulletin for 2/22 = Thursday 2/19 @ 9 AM  
 Newsletter for March = Tuesday 2/24 @ 9 AM  
 To have announcements to be placed in publications, have them to Karen or Phyllis by these deadlines.

### Deacon Counters for February – Jimmy Bray & Paul Morris

#### Look Ahead at Upcoming Activities in March:

- Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> – Ladies Book Club
- Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> – Daylight Saving Time Begins
- Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> @ 5 PM – Finance Comm. Mtg.
- Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 AM – WMU Meeting
- Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> – Business Meeting
- Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> – NSU/BCM Lunch @ 11:30
- Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> – Fourth Friday Fish Fry @ CS
- Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> - Disaster Relief Training @ FBC, Pineville

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 our membership records is correct is appreciated.

| Vital Statistics       |              |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Financial January 2026 |              |
| Monthly Budget Needs:  | \$ 35,684.58 |
| Gifts Received:        | \$ 31,430.38 |
| Budget Needs Short:    | \$ 4,254.20  |

### Emergency Contact Numbers

First Baptist Church of Many  
 Church Office = (318)256-5655  
 M – F 8 AM – 4 PM  
 AFTER HOURS CONTACTS:  
 Bro. Wade Penfield = (318)315-2426  
 Karen Sepulvado = (318)508-1138

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OFFICE STAFF

Pastor – Rev. Wade Penfield

Church & Financial Secretary – Karen Sepulvado

Church Secretary – Phyllis Horton