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## Serving God – Loving People

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*DMA visiting Mrs. Mary Hughes and Mrs. Nina Russell in Shrev. You two ladies are looking young and pretty.*

Training the Next Generation  
to change our world for God!



*Awana Sparks Clubbers earned their vests by completing their flight 3:16 starter book! Way to go Sparks!!!! Awana is for kids age 4 thru 6<sup>th</sup> Grade!!!*



It is Shoe Box Time!!!!

Pick up your shoe box, fill it and return it to the church by November 13<sup>th</sup>. You will find a brochure inside the box listing appropriate items to place in your box.

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#### October

- 20 – Kyle Smith
  - 21 – Kimberly Robertson  
Gail Clemons  
Roy Foote
  - 23 – Dianne Lodrige
  - 24 – Martha Rankin
  - 26 – Bill Tyree  
Jack Simms, Jr.  
Doris Werner
  - 29 – Ken Hughes
  - 31 – Gracyn Tuck
- #### November
- 1 – Genell Leach
  - 2 – Jeri Broyles  
DeLain Prewitt

#### Sunday

Sunday Bible Study for all ages: 9:30 A.M.  
Sunday Worship Services: 10:45 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.

#### Wednesday

Wed. Night Fellowship Suppers 5:15-5:45 PM  
Youth & Adult Bible Study @ 6:00 P.M.  
Adult Choir @ 7:00 P.M.  
Awana 6:00-7:30 PM

#### FBC State of Affairs

2016 Monthly Budget Requirement	<b>\$39,219.00</b>
Received October 2, 2016	16,262.94
Received October 9, 2016	8,546.29
Total received Oct. to date	24,809.23
Repair & Renovation Fund Goal	<b>\$125,000.00</b>
Received to date	\$ 86,129.00
Georgia Barnett Offering	5,638.00

#### Sunday School Report

	10/2	10/9
Members Present	174	147
Visitors:	16	16
Worship Attendance	220	178

Remember the church wide **Pure Water-Pure Love** Project that will help provide clean water in a country where there is no clean water. If you have already fill a water bottle, please consider filling another one. All donations will be appreciated. This project is sponsored by the WMU.

October is Pastor  
Appreciation Month!  
Celebrate your pastors!!





## A Note From the Pastor

So if you missed it, this past Sunday evening, there was a second presidential candidate debate. I must admit, I did not watch it, there was something way more interesting on the other channel...a football game. (I am sorry; football has a higher priority than debates.)

But even though I did not tune into the debate, of course the results were all over the news Monday morning. I did read as much as I could about the debate the following day, I wanted to know who said what and supposedly who won. Unfortunately, the only take away I got from this round is the way these two "professionals" cut each other with their words. It really is disheartening to know that one of these two will be our next president and will be responsible for leading our country. But this reminds me of what Paul instructed us in Ephesians 4:29 Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. (ESV)

Paul is emphasizing the use of positive words over negative words.

The words we speak have great power; either to destroy someone or to build them up.

If we have indeed had a change of heart as a result of our relationship with Jesus, then that change should be reflected in the words we use each day with each other. We not only need to pray for this upcoming election and the candidates but we also need to remember that the world is listening to everything we say; use your words as instruments of grace and love.

It is time again to fill your Operation Christmas Child box. Janet has already put out some boxes and we have more ready to go. We have set an even higher goal so let's see if we can surpass 125 boxes this year. You never know how many children may come to faith as a result of your generosity and love.

Our verse this week comes from 2 Kings 19:14

Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers and read it; and Hezekiah went up to the house of the Lord and spread it before the Lord. (ESV)

Are we being faithful to spread our requests before the Lord?

Have a blessed week and remember to point someone to Jesus.

## Music Notes from Bro Craig

A few weeks ago, LSU fans experienced the rise and fall of emotions that occurs only with LSU football, when in the last second of the game against long-time rival, Auburn, LSU began a play that would result in the winning touchdown. We, like most fans, were jumping around the room. Then came those infamous words, "The play is under further review." In just a moment, the devastating news came back. LSU had not gotten the ball into play on time. LSU had lost the game, and, as we later found out, head coach Les Miles had lost his job.

Now I must admit that in life there are way too many times that I, like LSU, have waited too late to do the good that I intend. One of the most frightening things I can think of is that there will be times that I may wait too late to share the gospel. You see, just like God sealing the door of the Ark with Noah and his family inside and the rest of the world locked outside to face the devastation of the flood, the day will come when time is up and our opportunities to share with the world are gone. That is why scripture tells us to redeem the time- to make the most of every opportunity.

That being said, the Christmas Program 2016 will be on December 2, 3, and 4. I am asking you if you can help. We need people to sing in the choir of course (the pews of our church are definitely full of untapped talent). We also need people who can be in the drama, help build the stage, work a camera, projector, or a spotlight, and people to help with publicity. Let us make the most of this opportunity and blatantly share the gospel with our community at a time of year when they are ready to hear.

I want to thank the Adult Choir, Elizabeth Gautreaux, Leigh Anne Prewitt, Leslie Moore, and Grant Blackwell for using their talents in the Lord's service over the last couple of weeks.

Also, I want to express sympathy to Bruce Westmoreland in the homegoing of his sister, Glenda, and to Robbie Northcutt in the homegoing of his mother, Mary.

Finally, let me wish a Happy Minister's Appreciation Month to Bro. Jeff. Thank you for all you do to serve the Lord in our church and community.

May God bless you all more abundantly than you could ever hope or expect.

## Upcoming Youth Events: Save the Dates!!!

**November 20-22** - YEC @ Cajun Dome in Lafayette, La. – Cost is \$50.00 per student and MUST be received by Oct 5

**DETAILS COMING SOON FOR THE FOLLOWING TWO EVENTS:**

December 16 – Progressive Dinner Christmas Party @ 4:45 PM

December 31 --- Ringing in the New Year – weather permitting

## Tapestry Hospitality Dinner

November 5, 2016 @ 6:00 P.M.

## Christian Life Center

First Baptist church, Leesville, LA

Theme: Making Holidays Holy Days

Guest Speaker: Nicole Walker

Call the church office or see any

Tapestry Lady for a ticket.

**Tapestry Hospitality Dinner Silent Auction Proceeds are donated to Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.**

If you would like to donate new items for the auction see Karan Brumley or Ovina Forque.

Or bring them to the church office.



## WMU October Project

The WMU ladies are collecting receiving blankets to be sent to Uganda where Chris & Rhonda Welch are missionaries. If anyone would like to help with this project, there will be a box outside the office door on Sundays. The blankets can be either handmade or purchased. Any help would be greatly appreciated. They will be collecting the blankets until the end of October.

Deacon Nomination forms are placed throughout the church for your convenience!

Welcome New Member  
Traci Robinson



Love and condolences to Mrs. Geraldine Crosby and family in the death of her son, Clayton Crosby, and to Robbie Northcutt in the death of his mother.