

**Staff**

Bro. Craig Forque  
Music Minister &  
Associate Pastor

Bro. Sean Slate  
Interim Youth Minister

**August Van Driver**  
**Rodney Blackwell**  
**337 208 6302**

**August Birthdays**

- 1 – Carol Terrell  
Michael Austin  
RaeAnn Seaman
- 2 – Tina Davidson
- 3 – Brandon Moore  
Chandler Williams  
Kimberly Redden
- 4 – Bridget Zuniga
- 8 – Bradyn Girdler
- 9 – Mary McDaniel
- 10 – Jasper Moore  
Sean Brister
- 11 – Ginger Scogin  
Creek Smith
- 12 – Joy Marie Simms
- 14 – Callie Robbins  
Ethan Altenburger
- 16 – Donna Pynes  
Raynard Wilmore
- 18 – Evan Fowler
- 19 – MacKenzie Racca
- 21 – Julia King  
Brent Blackmon
- 22 – Dewitt Wagner
- 24 – Cherry Hampton
- 25 – Charity Murray
- 28 – Sharrod D. King
- 29 – Korbin Arnold
- 30 – Canaan Moore  
Huey J Williams
- 31 – Holly Nading

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**Deacon on Call**

Auust 2-8, 2020  
Dustin Smith  
337 424 9975 (c)

August 9-15, 2020  
Dewitt Wagner  
337 397 2152 (c)

August 16-22, 2020  
Alan Loris  
202 577 1437 (c)  
337 537 4105 (h)

August 23-29, 2020  
Pery Gremillion  
377 378 2350 (c)

August 30-Sept. 5  
Billy Jones  
337 238 9217 (h)

**WE ARE OPEN FOR  
IN-HOUSE WORSHIP  
SERVICES  
Sunday**

Sunday School for all ages 9:45 AM  
Worship Service 10:45 AM Sunday morning  
Evening Worship Service @ 6 PM .

**Wednesday**

Bible Study in the CLC @ 6 PM

**FBC State of Affairs**

2019 Monthly Budget Required \$41,780.00	
Received July 5, 2020	\$ 6,158.22
Received July 12, 2020	\$ 5,353.00
Received July 19, 2020	\$ 7,853.37
Received July 26, 2020	\$ 3,691.44

**Sunday School Report**

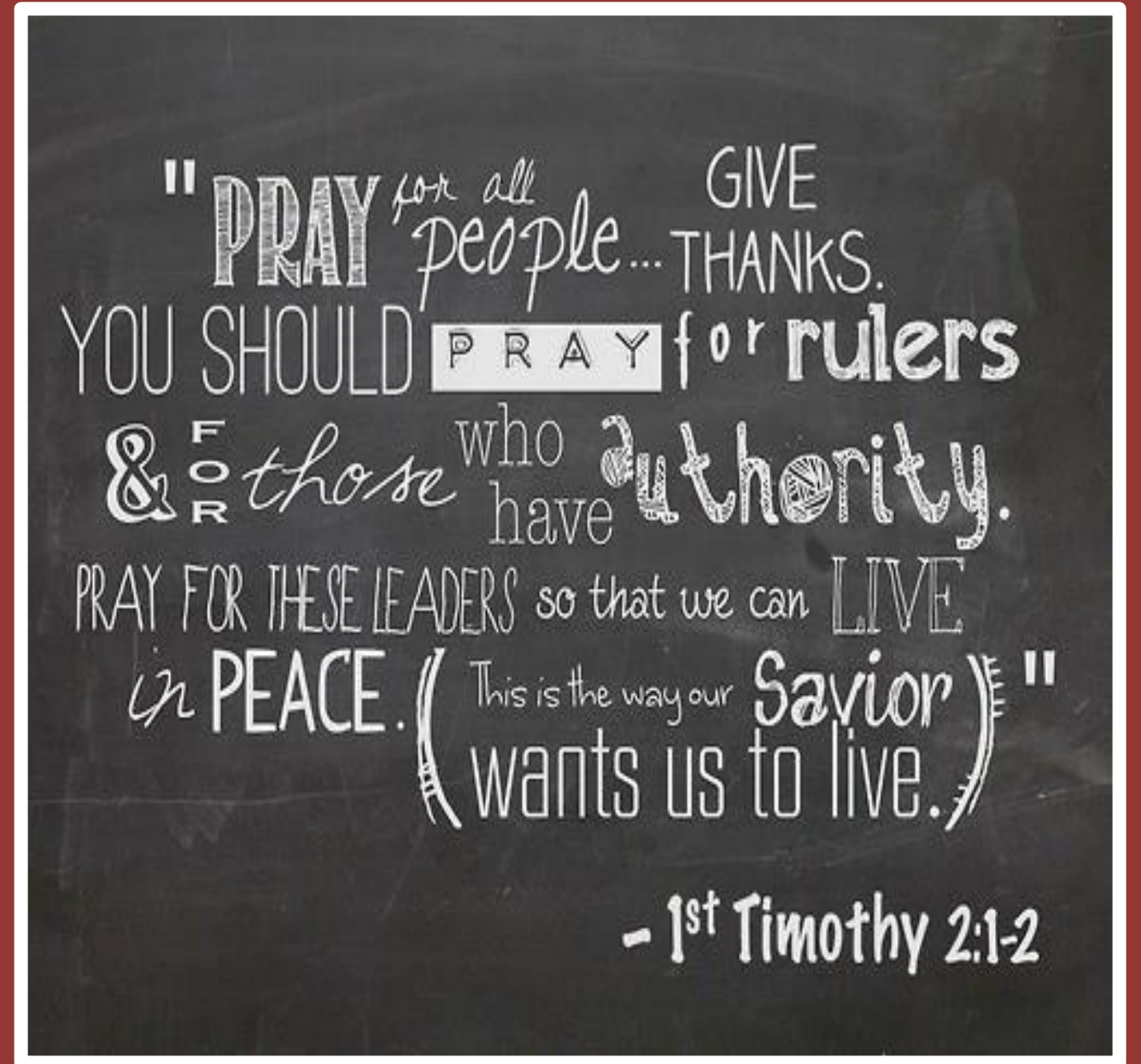
	7/5	7/12	7/19	7/26
Members Present	<b>No Service</b>			
Visitors	"	"	"	"
Worship Attendance	49	n/a	n/a	43

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*Serving God - Loving People*



## Bro Craig's Notes

You may have heard people make the statement, "Well, that certainly didn't go like I expected." That's exactly how I feel about the month of July. The big plans for celebrating Independence Day, holding VBS, and taking the youth on retreat were sabotaged by an invisible virus. Various folks in the church fell ill, and at a time when we had originally thought that life would have returned to normal, we find that it is anything but normal.

As I look around me, I see on the faces of so many that discouragement has set in – and with good reason mind you. However, I call this to mind, and it gives reason for hope – God is still on His throne. I may not understand everything that is happening around me, but I know that I can trust Him.

If things go as planned schools will be starting up very soon. (Of course, things going as planned would be some sort of anomaly for 2020). Please remember in prayer our children, school workers, teachers, administration, bus drivers cafeteria workers and anyone involved with our schools. Just the amount of sanitation they will be having to do is mind-boggling, without taking into consideration all of the other duties they will be having to juggle this year. Pray for the presence of Jesus in our school to keep safe, to bring peace, and to offer salvation.

I know that things have been confusing during the last month as we have scrambled to deal with the situation around us. Thank you so much for your patience and your prayers. Continue to check the church prayer chain and face book page for information about what is happening.

I do want to thank those who have helped with worship in July. Thanks to Sean for preaching, leading worship, and singing, and to Daniel and Elizabeth for accompaniments. Thanks to our sound and projector crews and live-streamers for helping get the message out to the world. Thanks to soloists, Sean Slate, Crystal Rector, Elizabeth Cyr, and Daniel Arnold. Special thanks to John Brumley for airing a CD from revival 2019 on the Sunday we did not meet.

As what may have been a discouraging month culminates, August greets us with hope. First, our two newest members, Conner and Baylor Dillon, will be baptized on August 2. Congratulations to Josh & Polly Bailes Smith on the birth of Annabeth Clementine Smith born June 30, 2020. The proud grandmother is Robbie Bailes. Then on August 8, we will look with anticipation toward the upcoming arrival of a baby in the home of Brandon and Kiersten Nolen. On that day, there will be a baby shower in the CLC from 10 to 11:30 AM. It will be a great time to celebrate.

Also, I want to thank those who helped with the GA girls lock-in. I hear that the girls had a blast. Thanks to Karan Brumley for her work with the girls, to Tim and Elizabeth Cyr for their chaperoning skills, and to Chris and Karen Robertson for lending a pool.

Finally, I want to express deepest condolences to Nancy Taylor and family in the homegoing of Bro. Francis. As far as I know, Bro. Francis was our oldest living member at the time of his death. Quiet and unassuming, he truly led an amazing life. Please keep Mrs. Nancy, Steven, Billy, Carol, and their families in prayer in days to come.

Also, I want to express Christian Sympathy to Macel Howard and family in the homegoing of Bro, Frankie Howard. Bro. Frankie was a tireless servant of Vernon Parish in so many ways, and during the three or so years he has been attending FBC, he has been one of the most faithful folks at church. Please continue to keep Mrs. Macel and family in your prayers.

Both of these were extraordinary men that we all owe a debt of gratitude to. Show your appreciation by continuing to love and support these precious families.

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



Meet Annabeth Clementine Smith who made her grand appearance June 30, 2020 weighing 6 lbs. & 5 ounces.

The proud parents are Josh & Polly Bailes Smith.

The very proud grandmother is Robbie Bailes

Vacation Bible School for  
2020 "Concrete and Cranes"

AND

the Youth Camp at Tickfaw  
have been cancelled due to  
the increase in Covid-19  
cases in our area.

Mission Dignity Sunday

August 30, 2020

Share a gift today to help and aged  
minister, worker and widow pay for  
the basic necessities of life. These  
ministers and workers served small  
churches at a time when salaries  
were meager and benefits few.

The Annual Leadership Conference scheduled for August 18, 2020 has been cancelled.

*Churches and Leadership may participate in a digital online training  
opportunity hosted by the Louisiana Baptists August 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>*

This year's theme will be  
**RE-engaging your Sunday School and Small Groups:**

**Reaching and Connecting in a Social Distancing World  
Leading Bible Study Live and Online  
Finding New Ways to Minister and Care for People**

See the "Lamplighter" posted in the hallway for a listing of sessions and speakers for each group  
in the church and how to register for the event.

**This event is FREE**



*sweet*  
**Baby Girl**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR  
A BABY SHOWER IN HONOR OF

*Kiersten Nolen*

LET'S HELP KIERSTEN & BRANDON WELCOME

*Emmelynn-Faith Ann Nolen*

10:00-11:30 AM | SAT | AUG 8TH

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*Registry: Baby List @ Nichols*

*Love and Condolences to:*

*Judy Welch and family in the death of her  
sister, Connie Kansler.*

*AND*

*Nancy Taylor and family in the death of  
Mr. Francis Taylor*

*AND*

*Angie Gilcrease in the death of her  
Grandfather.*

*AND*

*Macel Howard and the family of Frank  
(Frankie) Howard in his death.*