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Serving God – Loving People

*Wednesdays at First Baptist*  
*Wednesday Night Fellowship Meals*



5:00 – 5:45 P.M.



Awana 6:00 – 7:30 P.M.



*Adult & Youth Bible Study 6-7 P.M.*

**First Baptist  
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 Leesville**

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**January**

- 25 – Walter Corn
- 26 – Louise Hays  
 Shirley Ward
- 27 – Billy Johnson
- 28 Christopher Robertson
- 31 – Brandi Manasco

**February**

- 1 – Nicole Reed
- 2 – Linda Cedars  
 Craig Forque
- 3 – Cady Brack
- 5 – Jessica Racca
- 6 – Elizabeth Haymon  
 Jules Brown
- 7 – Knysley Tuck  
 Shirley Quinones  
 William Gregory  
 Jeffery Coleman

**Sunday**

Sunday Bible Study for all ages: 9:30 A.M.  
 Children's choir (K-6<sup>th</sup> GR.) 5 PM  
 RA's & I GA's (1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> GR) 6 PM  
 Sunday Worship Services: 10:45 A.M.

**Sunday Evening 6 PM**  
**(Beginning Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> in CLC)**

**Wednesday**

Wed. Night Fellowship Suppers 5:00-5:45 PM  
 Adults \$5.00-Children to 12 yrs. \$3.00  
 Youth & Adult Bible Study @ 6:00 P.M.  
 Adult Choir @ 7:00 P.M.  
 Awana 6:00-7:30 PM

**FBC State of Affairs**

2017 Monthly Budget Requirement **\$39,268.75**  
 Received January 8, 2017 10,673.97  
 Received January 15, 2017 7,575.20  
 Total received January to date: 26,891.67

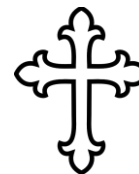
Repair & Renovation Fund Goal **\$140,000.00**  
 Received to date 90,949.00  
 Lottie Moon Offering Goal 12,000.00  
 Received to Date: 9,866.90

**Sunday School Report**

	1/8/17	1/15/17
Members Present	132	156
Visitors:	21	15
Worship Attendance	185	206

**Youth Minister Search  
 Committee**

Our newly elected Youth  
 Minister Search Committee  
 members are: Tim Tuck,  
 Rodney Blackwell, Dustin  
 Smith, Robbie Giles, Robin  
 Brians, Rhonda Blackmon and  
 Erin Lewis. Please be in prayer  
 daily for this very important  
 committee as they seek God's  
 will for a youth leader.



Love and condolences to  
 Cory & Mindi Cooley and  
 boys in the homegoing of  
 Cory's mother, Kay Cooley.



### A Note From the Pastor

As I am writing this letter this morning, it is pouring down rain and 70 degrees, and its January 18<sup>th</sup>. I don't know whether to encourage you to hunker down, bundle up, or float your boat, but one thing is for sure in Louisiana, if you don't like it, give it 5 minutes and it will change.

I do want to pray for your safety as we "must endure" these crazy weather days.

Change is a constant thing we face in this life, some things change quickly such as the weather, and some are slow moving. This leads me to Spiritual Maturity, which is unfortunately a slow moving process. In our Sunday night study of Exodus, we have been looking closely at the complaining and grumbling spirit of the Children of Israel. We have discovered that it clearly shows a relationship problem between us and the person we are griping about and a relationship problem between us and our Heavenly Father; since all complaining is ultimately directed towards God. And as painful a truth as this is, we must also realize that we are a work in process.

**Ephesians 1: 13 until we all reach oneness in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God, [growing spiritually] to become a mature believer, reaching to the measure of the fullness of Christ [manifesting His spiritual completeness and exercising our spiritual gifts in unity]. (AMP)**

But not only is this a slow moving process, it is not a solitary process. We need the help and support of other believers for encouragement and to challenge us. Remember, it is all about loving God and loving others and allowing Him to make us like Christ.

So press on... but don't get discouraged.

Unfortunately, I will not be with you this coming Sunday morning. Our granddaughter Skylar is being dedicated in North La and we will be attending. Anthony Foxworth, an Army chaplain, will be filling the pulpit this Sunday and he will do a wonderful job so please be in prayer for him.

Our verse this week is from Jeremiah 9:24

**but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord." (ESV)**

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

### Music Notes from Bro Craig

As I look around me, it seems that folks have started to get settled in to 2017. All of our children's activities are back in full swing, and handbells will be starting back up this Sunday. In case you missed it, we even had winter on January 6-8. My prayer is that 2017 will be a year full of God's blessing and one in which we as a church find ourselves in the center of His will.

The choir is beginning to work on our Easter Music. I am excited about our Easter Program this year. It will include music that I know everyone is going to love with both traditional and contemporary songs, a video presentation, and some live drama. I want to invite YOU to be part of it. Choir practices are on Wednesday nights at 7 PM.

Our first DMA, meeting for 2017 will be this Thursday, January 26. For those of you who want to be part of the games, come at 9:30 AM and meet in the CLC. The actual program will begin at 10:30 AM. Everyone bring a covered dish for a great time of fellowship.

Also, DMA. It is time once again to sign up for the Jubilee Conference. The dates will be April 23-27. This year we will have the opportunity to hear the Collingsworth Family, Guy Penrod, Legacy Five, the Lefevre Quartet, Allison Speer, The Inspirations, with Comedian Dennis Swanberg and preachers Johnny Hunt and Will Graham (grandson of Billy Graham). Please sign up as soon as possible. \$50.00 deposits are due by January 29.

Finally, I want to express sympathy to Corey and Mindy Cooley and boys in the homegoing of Corey's mother, Kay Cooley. Please continue in prayer for this family in days to come.

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

## ATTENTION YOUTH

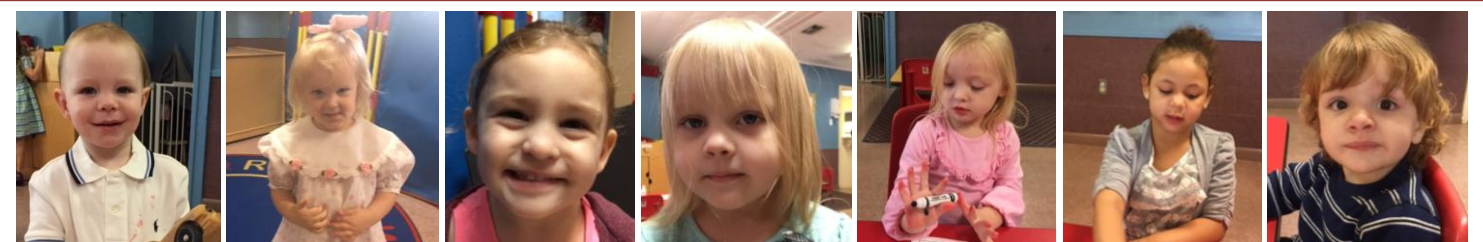
Please remember to turn in your \$100.00 non-refundable deposit by January 29<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend Centrifuge/Missionfuge Camp at the Ridgecrest Conference Center in Ridgecrest, North Carolina June 26<sup>th</sup> through July 2, 2017.

### Sunday School - The place to be on Sunday Morning



Children's Department Grades 1 thru 6 First and Second Grade Sunday School boys making the Bible lesson "Samson" come to life. Thank you to their teachers, Jessica Wilson and Ellen Tyree. If you have a child or grandchild in this age group, we would urge you to see to it that they get to Sunday School at 9:30 each Sunday morning as they learn Bible truths that will guide them throughout their lives.

*Birth to 2 year old  
Never too young to learn  
about Jesus!!!*



### 2 and 3 year olds Sunday School Class

Come and join us at 9:30 AM each Sunday as these little ones hear stories from the Bible, do crafts that reinforce the lessons and learn what Jesus wants them to do throughout their lives.



## *Youth Activities through April 2017*

February 25 (Saturday) Youth Bon Fire @ Rodney & Tammy Blackwell's home  
6:00-10:00 PM

March 4 (Saturday) Youth Winter Jam in Bossier City, LA  
Leave CLC @ 1:00 PM

March 26 (Sunday) Youth Gumbo Fund Raiser after AM Service in CLC

April 12 (Wednesday) Fields of Faith @ LHS 6:00 PM-Leave CLC @ 5:30 PM

April 14 (Friday) Annual Youth Cross Walk/meet @ 9:00 AM Hicks house yard.

April 21 (Friday) Youth BBQ Fund Raiser

April 23 (Sunday) Youth Country Cooking Fund Raiser after AM Service



**FEBRUARY 5, 2017 (SUNDAY)**

**CHURCH WIDE SUPER BOWL PARTY IN THE CLC  
AFTER THE EVENING SERVICE.**

**PLEASE BRING FINGER FOODS AND STAY FOR THE  
GAME AND FELLOWSHIP!**