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## Serving God – Loving People

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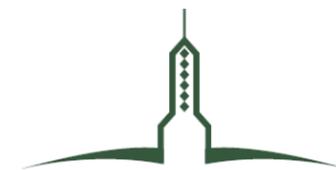
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*Week of Prayer for Ammie Armstrong Easter  
 Offering March 5-12, 2017*



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FBC Leesville

**Deut. 11:18** Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul... **Deut. 11:19** And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up...

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**February**

- 22 – Tammy summers  
 Hannah Coleman
- 28 – Patricia Harrison  
 Kathy Smith
- 29 Hunter Cooley

**March**

- 1 – Garry Dowden
- 2 – Georgie West  
 Jill Craig
- 3 – Glenda Dowden  
 Jenna Taylor
- 4 – William Dowden
- 6 – Charlie Williams
- 7 – Malcolm Prewitt

**Sunday**

Sunday Bible Study for all ages: 9:30 A.M.  
 Sunday Worship Services: 10:45 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 Evening 6 PM in the 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 **\$39,352.00**  
 Received February 5, 2017 12,833.50  
 Received February 12, 2017 10,540.83  
 Total received February to date: \$23,374.33

Repair & Renovation Fund Goal **\$140,000.00**  
 Received to date 91,779.00

**Sunday School Report**

	2/5/17	2/12/17
Members Present	143	160
Visitors:	19	17
Worship Attendance	175	186

**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.

**HEADS UP**

**All you 1<sup>st</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> Graders**

**M-Jam is on the way!!!**

**April 17<sup>th</sup>**

**@ Forest Hill**

**More information to follow.**

## A Note From the Pastor

This past week I came across an article titled, "10 Things That Demonstrate the World You Grew Up in No Longer Exists." I will say it was an interesting article and the author had some good points. Some I agree with and some I don't. But we must all admit that times are changing and if we are unwilling to change with them, we may get left behind. Hence the First Baptist Church Leesville app. It took over a year to get it up and running and while we still have a few "bugs" to work out, I feel it could be a valuable tool for those of you who utilize smart phones. You can download it from the app store on Apple or Android.

You can find all our latest newsletters and calendars so you don't miss anything going on here.

There is a link to our website that Mrs. Gail keeps updated and also a link to our Facebook page that Mrs. Robin works on, and both of these sites are very useful.

You can pay your tithe on the online giving link and if you missed a service, you can pull up past services as well. We still have plans to put our latest prayer requests on the app in addition to links to sharing your faith and for daily devotionals.

I want to encourage you to use this app if you are a smart phone user and please share this with your friends.

We have been spending a lot of time in prayer about our Sunday School attendance. This time each week is such a blessing to those who attend, it is the "heart" of the church. I do want to encourage you to find a class and get involved. But out of this prayer time, you will be hearing about a PUSH to 175. We will be rolling out some information to get our members back into SS and to see if we can hit that mark for God's glory. Be praying about this and make sure you do your part.

Our verse this week comes from Romans 7:6

But now we have been released from the law, for we died to it and are no longer captive to its power. Now we can serve God, not in the old way of obeying the letter of the law, but in the new way of living in the Spirit. (NLT)

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

## Music Notes from Bro Craig

If you are like me, you are having a hard time remembering what time of year it is. When I walk outside, the temperature is telling me that it is April; however, the calendar still says that it is mid-February. Things don't appear as they ought. Isn't that how things are so often in our lives. All of us go through those times in our lives that, just like the weather patterns in Louisiana, are hard to figure out. In all of it God is in control. The prophet Habakkuk wrote in Habakkuk 3:17-19 "Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation. The LORD God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places." He is always in control and we can trust Him even when February is acting like April.

I want to thank those who have helped in worship the last couple of weeks. Elizabeth did a wonderful job on the piano as she always does. The adult choir blessed us with "Jesus Messiah." Grant Blackwell inspired us with his singing. I want to issue a special word of thanks to Jerry Jeane for leading in worship while I was out. Even though he is incredibly busy, he made the time to step in and help us out, and it is greatly appreciated. Thanks to all of you for using your talents in the Lord's service.

The Adult Choir is currently working on the Easter Music. If you have ever thought about joining the choir, now is a great time to do so. I think you are all going to be inspired by the music. There will also be some drama parts for those interested in drama. Practices are Wednesday Nights at 7 PM and everyone is welcome.

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

## 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

### Armor of God - Priscilla Shirer



A 7-week Ladies Bible Study at  
Vernon Baptist Assoc. Building  
Beginning Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>  
At Noon - Lunch will be served  
Facilitated by Delain Prewitt

### Tapestry

March 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 P.M. in  
the CLC.

Wanda Pynes will be  
giving her testimony. You  
will be blessed.

All Ladies are invited!



### Need

Easter candy, Easter eggs, Juice Boxes,  
and Motts Fruit Snacks for the Easter  
Egg Hunt. If you can help with this need,  
it would be greatly appreciated. Bring  
items to the church office.

### David Platt Secret Church- How to study the Bible

Men's fellowship in CLC-Saturday, February, 25<sup>th</sup>

from 8 AM to 1 PM

\$10-Breakfast and BBQ lunch included

Facilitated by Travis Brians 337 353 1871



March 4<sup>th</sup> in Bossier City, LA  
Youth leave CLC @ 1 PM

VBS Training @  
Tall Timbers

Saturday,

March 4<sup>th</sup>