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**First Baptist Church
of Leesville**

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Leesville, LA 71446

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Serving God – Loving People



It is almost time for
Vacation Bible School!!!!
June 4th through June 8th

If you have not registered, go to
www.fbc-leesville.org
an sign up online.



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June

- 7 – Pat Totten
Edna Miller
- 9 – Curtis Brumley
- 10- Adam Woods
Aurora Williams
- 12- Yong Johnson
Glyn Manasco
- 13- Denise Wills
Travis Brians
- 14- Casey Lewis
Rian Racca
- 17- Karan Brumley
John Blackmon
Meira Marzahl
- 18- Charlotte Monk
- 19- Debbie Clark
- 20- Gavin Grimes
Mason Defoor
- 21- Jim Seaman
- 22- Brandon Blackmon
Jeremy Girdler
- 25-Brenda Bealer
Branden Gibson
- 26- Casey Clemons
- 30- Alice Westmoreland

July

- 1 – Jurnie Brown
- 2 – Patricia Reed
- 3 – Janet Cannon

- 3 – Mark Elliott
- 5 – Brenda Dowden
Andrew Simms
- 6 – Joe Hunt
- 7 – Madeline Lee
Casen Defoor
- 8 – Jessica Taylor
- 8 – Mia Skinner
- 10- Jerry Harvey
Lillian Nash



May 27, 2018

Memorial Day Lunch in the
CLC after Morning Service.

May Van Driver:
Tim Tuck
353 9796

June Van Driver
Terry Williams
397 7454

Sunday

Sunday Bible Study for all ages: 9:30 A.M.
Sunday Worship Services: 10:45 A.M.
Children's Choir 5:00 PM
GA's & RA's 6:00 PM

Sunday Evening 6 PM in the CLC

Wednesday

Awana 6:00 – 7:30 PM
Youth & Adult Bible Study @ 6:00 P.M.-CLC
Adult Choir @ 7:00 P.M.

FBC State of Affairs

2018 Monthly Budget Required \$40,033.00
Received May 6, 2018 \$10,325.87
Received May 13, 2018 \$ 8,122.62
Received May 20, 2018 \$ 5,629.26
Total received to date for April \$25,821.09

Sunday School Report

| | 5/6 | 5/13 | 5/20 |
|---------------------------|-----|------|------|
| Members Present | 170 | 138 | 153 |
| Visitors | 14 | 14 | 9 |
| Worship Attendance | 178 | 209 | 172 |

Notice of Special Called Business Meeting

1. June 3, 2018 @ 6 PM there will be a Special Called Business Meeting to vote on an Interim Pastor from FBC's current staff or authorize the church to form a committee to search for an Interim Pastor, and to determine the number of people to be on the committee.
2. Authorize the church to form a Pastor's Search Committee and determine the number of people to be on the committee.

We have a NEED

1. We need volunteers to teach Children's Church on a rotating basis during the worship service.
2. We also need volunteers to help with "FBC Kidz Connection", a Wednesday night Summer program for children age 4-6th grade.

If you can help with any of these opportunities, please contact Karen Skinner.

Music Notes from Bro Craig

Since the last newsletter was sent out, we have entered a different phase in the life of our church. On Mother's Day, May 13, 2018, Bro. Jeff Coleman preached his final message as pastor of First Baptist Church of Leesville. Please continue in prayer for him and for Mrs. Teresa as they are beginning their ministry at Frist Baptist Church of Delhi, Louisiana.

For those of us here at First Baptist Leesville, this will be an important time of prayer. First, it is a time of prayer for God's leadership in the selection of the next Senior Pastor of FBC Leesville. We should all pray for discerning hearts that will listen for His will, that His will may be done.

Also, this is a time of prayer in our personal lives. It is a time for us as members of First Baptist Church to draw closer to the Lord as a church and as individuals – a time to break up the fallow ground. If we will do this then the next pastor will find a church field that is ready to produce the crop God has for it.

In addition to this, it is a time to pray for what God would have us do as individuals. One of the best things that happens during a time between pastors is that the general membership of a church tend to step up to be used in ways that they haven't been serving in the past. There are so many opportunities for service here at FBC. I am going to list a few. Please be praying about where you can help.

1. **Vacation Bible School**—June 4- 8; WE NEED WORKERS!! We are in the last hours. Please go to the church web-site fbc-leesville.org and click on the GAME ON logo to volunteer. (or call the church office)
2. **Children's Church** - We need people who will work with our kids in the morning service. You do not have to work every week.
3. **Kid's Connection** – We need people who will help with kids on Wednesday nights this summer. You will work on a team and will work at most one or two times this summer.
4. **Awana** – We will be in need of teachers and of people who can listen to the kids recite scripture beginning in the fall.
5. **Production team** – We need people to help with the projectors, television cameras, in the TV booth, and with the sound.
6. **Music Program**- we need people to serve as instrumentalists and to sing in the choir.
7. **Security Team**

All these I have just listed off the top of my head, but you may think of some area that I have not listed. Please help as the Lord leads.

I do want to say thanks to those who have helped in worship the last few weeks. Thank to Elizabeth and brother Sean, to the Adult Choir, to Grant Blackwell, The Children's Choir, Allyson Conklin, to Isabella Berrios, Austin Wilson, and Tamlyn Lewandowski. Also, thanks to our projector operators, our T V crew and our Sound Crew. I hope this includes everyone. Thank you for offering yourselves to the Lord's service.

Finally, let me express Christian Sympathy to James and Shirley Ward on the homegoing of her sister, Betty Holliman of Livingston, TX.

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

It is hard to tell which one is telling the Tall Tale.



Teresa, is he saying this is your plate? Don't you believe it.

Saying "Goodbye" to Bro. Jeff and Teresa.
We will miss you.
We pray God's Blessings on you as you enter a new field of service!



Big "Thank You" to all who helped make the free snow cone day a success.



Thanks to all who helped with FBC's Relay for life event. Even the young got in on the action. Thanks to Virginia Turick for organizing and a special "Thank You" to Jeane's funeral Home for providing the tent and putting it up and taking it down. It was a great help and we appreciate it. We collected \$2,000.00 for cancer research.

Dear First Baptist Family,

I deeply appreciate your prayers, kind words and helpful deeds at the time of the passing of my sister and our eldest church member, Sybil Loftin. I always knew she was a fine Christian lady and it warms my heart to know that so many others knew that too.

I am indebted to the ladies and gentlemen responsible for the delicious luncheon that was prepared for me, my family members and a few guests. Family members came from New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Lake Charles, two groups from the Houston area, Shreveport and Bossier City/Parish. Representatives of my west coast contingent were unable to make the journey from San Francisco/Oakland because of illness there. But they were with us in spirit.

I am so pleased that Elizabeth Cyr found the time to do her usual wonderful job on the piano for us. Grant Blackwell's "acapella" rendition of "I'll Fly Away" was flawlessly beautiful and right. My grandnephew Justin Gould did a really fine job with pre-service music on the organ as well as singing and accompanying himself on the piano for one of our favorite songs, "The Holy City." The last time I remember hearing that song in our church, it was done by Mrs. Louise Tally. For the few left who might remember her singing, that was lots of years ago.

I am profoundly thankful to Bro. Craig for the wonder service and message he alone was responsible for. I went to him and said Help. I picked two songs for the service and he totally did the rest. It was beautiful, it was right and it was totally PRO! I and all my family members were so very happy with the results.

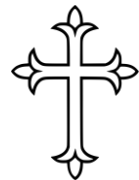
I thank all those already named and also all you others who prayed, said a good word, had a pleasant thought, brought food to my home, visited or came to Sybil's funeral service. I revere and esteem you all!

Gene LaCaze

"Thank You"

For all the love and concern shown to our family at the death of our brother and uncle, F. P. Scoggins. Thank you for your calls, visits, food and most of all for your love and prayers during his time.

*In Christian Love,
Don Scoggins & Families*



Love and condolences to James and Shirley Ward and family in the death of Shirley's sister, Betty Holliman.



Youth Fundraiser June 15th – BBQ plates \$8.00 each

raising money for summer camp

See any youth for a ticket!

Please wear your favorite sport shirt or jersey this Sunday, May 27th and your VBS shirt next Sunday, June 3rd. This Sunday during our Memorial Day Lunch in the CLC VBS shirts will be available for purchase for children and adults. Kid shirts are \$8:00. Adult shirts are \$8:00 - \$16.00, depending on which shirt you want. Thanks for helping promote VBS.

