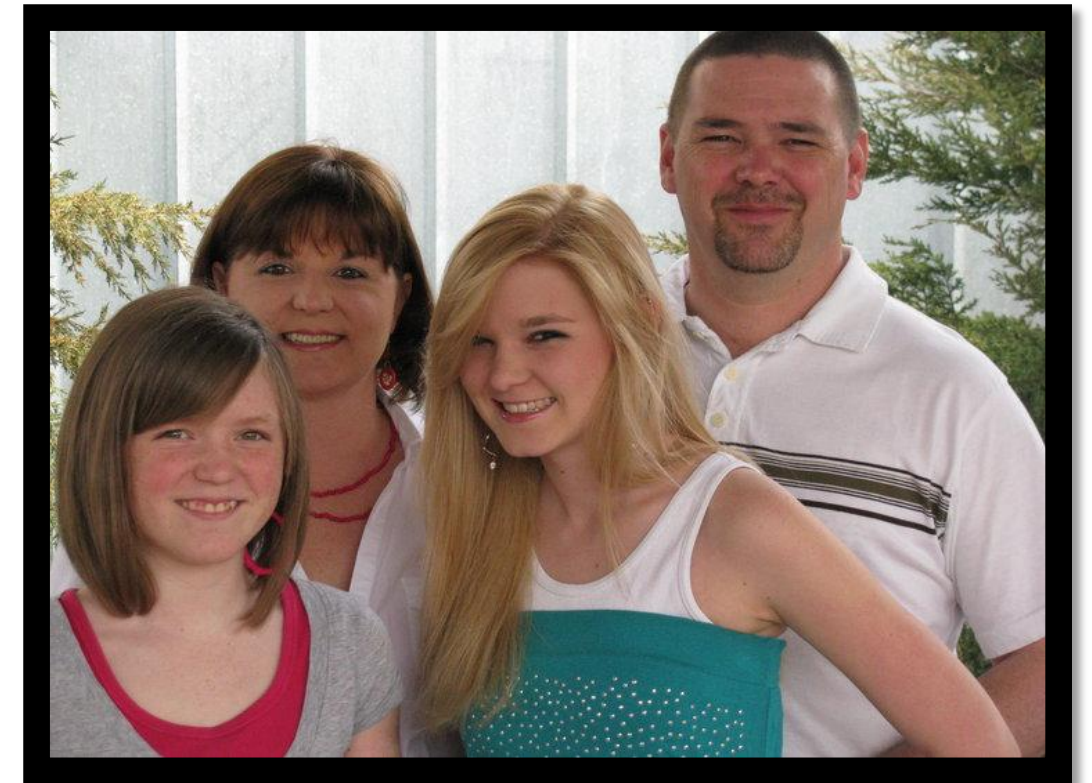


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Serving God – Loving People



March 2, 2014 we said “Hello” to Bro. Jeff and Teresa and their family of two daughters, Missy and Hannah

May 13, 2018 we say “Goodbye” to Bro. Jeff, Teresa, Missy and Hannah and their family increase of two son-in-laws, Mitchell and Shane and three precious Granddaughters, Skylar, Harper and Eva Mae. You came with four and leave with nine. Not too bad!!! May God richly bless your family and the work God has called you to do.



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May 27, 2018

**Memorial Day
 Lunch in the CLC
 after Morning
 Service.**

**May Van Driver:
 Tim Tuck
 353 9796**

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 April 8, 2018	\$11,321.95
Received April 15, 2018	\$ 6,062.09
Received April 22, 2018	\$ 8,384.01
Received April 29, 2018	\$14,866.90
Total received April 2018	\$50,763.20

Sunday School Report

	4/8	4/15	4/22	4/29
Members Present	167	158	155	147
Visitors	10	10	9	16
Worship Attendance	191	158	162	149

A Note From the Pastor

Writing my last newsletter to you is definitely bittersweet. Our time serving the people of First Baptist has been a blessing. You gave us the opportunity to continue ministry after we returned from the mission field and for that, we will be forever grateful. I have learned a lot about pastoring again since we left the states some 14 years ago. I feel we accomplished much during this time. We have formed some lifetime relationships with some of you while here and we look forward to continuing those, but we know that God has other plans. Even though we were not looking to leave at this time, He has made it clear to us that it is time to begin a new ministry in another area.

I would like to offer some last words of encouragement to you. Vance Havner once said that because of Moses' faith, he was able to see the invisible, choose the imperishable, and do the impossible. What was true for Moses can be true even today for the church. Unfortunately, too many are not known for their great acts of faith. I want to encourage you to walk by faith.

As you are waiting for God to send you your next shepherd, remember you will either be overcome because of your unbelief or you will be overcome because of your faith.

We will pray for you, your spiritual walk, and for your next pastor and we ask for your prayers as we step out "by faith" again.

I would like to leave you with this verse from **1 Timothy 6:12**

Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

Always remember to point someone to Jesus...with love.

Music Notes from Bro Craig

Here we are, May already..... the last month of school. I would say that we are entering the busy time of year, if it weren't for the fact that every month is our busy time of year. Before you know it, there will be VBS and RA and GA Camps and Centrifuge, and church-wide picnics. Be in prayer for all of these, especially for VBS. And if you are willing to work in VBS, please contact Ellen Tryee as soon as possible.

As most of you are aware, our Pastor, Bro. Jeff Coleman, has resigned effective May 13. He will be going to serve as pastor of First Baptist Church of Delhi, LA, after over four years as pastor here at FBC Leesville. Bro. Jeff has led us to do many things that have helped our church progress. Since the time that he came on staff, we have a new digital church sign, a beautiful flag pole at the front of our property, audio/visual capabilities in the CLC, the First Cup Coffee Fellowship Room, enhanced church security including video monitoring of Day Care areas, and most importantly, the AWANA ministry was established. In addition, over the last months, a very sweet fellowship has developed among those attending FBC, a fellowship that we all hope will continue for years to come. Our prayers will be with him and his family as they go on to FBC Delhi. There will be a church fellowship to honor the Coleman's on Wednesday, May 9.

On Sunday May 6 we will be honoring our high school graduates. This year, we have 3 graduates; Baylor Dillon, Jacob Turner, and Roy Foote. We also have two exchange students from Spain, Pablo Chicarro and Maria Andueza, who will be returning to Spain at the end of the school year. Congratulations to all of our graduates. We love you and we are so proud of you.

In addition, we have a few college graduates this year. Kiersten Nolen is graduating from LSUS with her Master's Degree. Conner Dillon will be graduating from NSU (after only 3 years- way to go Conner) Then I am very proud of my oldest son, Andrew Forque, and my wife, Ovina Forque, who will both be finishing NSU with their Bachelors' Degrees on May 11. Good Job to all of you.

Also, Andrew will be leaving this month to work in his third year of FUGE Camps. This year, he will be the Rec Director at Centrifuge at Union University. This position is considered part of the leadership team at the camp, and your prayers for him would certainly be appreciated.

Mother's Day is coming up and with it the annual Men's Choir. I encourage all men to participate. We will sing one song at the beginning of the service and then you can go sit with your families. No musical ability is necessary.

On May 27, we will have our annual Memorial Day Picnic. This is a wonderful time to fellowship together as a church family. I hope you will all make your plans now to be present.

Finally, I want to express condolences to Don Scoggins and family in the homegoing of his brother, FP, Scoggins to Lola Waldrup as well in the homegoing of her brother, and to Shane Longo in the homegoing of his great grandmother, and to Mack Bailey in the homegoing of his sister, Glenda cook.. In addition, Christian sympathy is extended to Gene Lacaze and family in the homegoing of his sister, Sybil Loftin, who at 99 was our oldest member and who had been a member of FBC for 67 years. Please continue in prayer for these families as the days progress.

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

GARAGE SALE

Youth annual Fund Raiser Garage Sale will be
May 19th

You may begin bringing your items for sale May 2nd and
placing them in the CLC GYM.

We appreciate all your support. The funds raised will be
used to send our youth to Summer Camp.



May 20, 2018 @

6:00 PM

Children's Choir
Program

May 25 & 26, 2018

GA Lock In @ CLC and Pool Party at the
home of Vernon & Debbie Clark begins 4 PM
May 25th and ends May 26 @ 9 AM .



Congratulations to Diane Russell on the
recent birth of her Great Grandson,
Cameron Russell McCord.

Love and Condolences



To Don Scoggins and his family in
the death of his brother, F. P.
Scoggins.

To Gene LaCaze and his family in
the death of his sister, Sybil Loftin, a
FBC member since 1951.

To Shane Longo in the death of his
Great Grandmother, Pat.

To Lola Waldrup in the death of her
brother.

To Mack Bailey and family in the
death of his sister, Glenda Cook.



May 12, 2018 11 AM-1 PM

Free Snow Cone Drive

Through

In the FBC Front parking Lot

Come one-Come all

IT'S FREE

May 18, 2018 @ 6 PM

Relay for Life @

Vernon Parish

Fairgrounds

Come out and support

FBC Fund Raiser for

Cancer Research.



MR. AND MRS. CHRIS ROBERTSON
REQUEST THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY
AT THE MARRIAGE OF THEIR DAUGHTER

Kiersten Alise
to
Jason Slade

SON OF MR. AND MRS. JASON DANIEL

SATURDAY
MAY | 19 | 2018

AT SIX O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING
LEA JOYNER MEMORIAL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
MONROE, LOUISIANA

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW
BAYOU LANDING

Reception
For Bro. Jeff & Teresa and their family
Wednesday,
May 9, 2018 in the CLC beginning at 6:00 PM.

Daughters of the King

Ladies Luncheon-Free to
women
of all ages-
Saturday,
May 19th, 2018 –
9 A.M-12 Noon
Anncoo First Baptist
Church Fellowship Hall
RSVP to
[anacodiscipleshipclass@
gmail.com](mailto:anacodiscipleshipclass@gmail.com)
by May 18th.

A Thank You

I have never felt such
an out-pouring of love
and affection from
friends in all of my life!

That generous
CHRIST-like spirit has
made it possible for
Charlie & I to make it
through this cancer
journey the last 3 ½
months

“The yoke has been
easy and the burden
Light” because of
GOD’s faithfulness and
FBC family’s many
expressions of kindness
and prayers.
In Christian Love,
Brenda Bealer

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*Want to be a part of something
with Everlasting Benefits that
can change the life of a
young person forever?
Sign up to work in
Vacation Bible School
June 5th through June 8th
Contact Ellen Tyree 337 208 5995*

Do you have a child, grandchild, neighbor
or friend that would like to attend VBS?
Sign them up online at www.fbc-leesville.org



DMA trip to Houston to visit with Mary Thompson, a long time and faithful FBC Member!
Looking good!!!



Class of
2018

SENIOR RECOGNITION DAY

May 6th 2018 @ 10:45 AM

Congratulations!

High School Graduates

Roy Foote

Baylor Dillon

Jacob Turner

College

Conner Dillon (Bachelor's Degree)

Ovina Forque (Bachelor's Degree)

Andrew Forque (Bachelor's Degree)

Kiersten Nolen (Master's Degree)

Saying Goodbye to our two Exchange Students:

Pablo Chicharro

Maria Andueza