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Serving God – Loving People

**First Baptist
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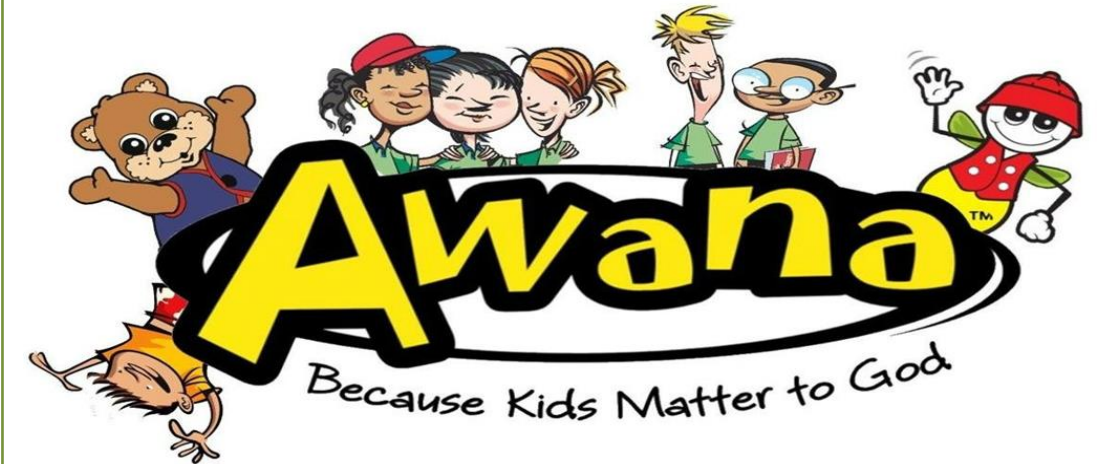
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Awana every Wednesday evening 6 – 7:30 PM-
Preschool 4 through the 6th Grade



**Every Wednesday 5:00 – 5:45 P.M.
Serving up your homecooked dinner in the CLC.
\$5.00 Adults - \$3.00 children up to 12 years
Come for the meal and fellowship and stay to feed
your soul while your children attend Awana.**

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September

- 21 – Nicole Gregory
- 24 – Ashley Higginbotham
Vera Richardson
Nina Russell
Kyla Clemons
Maddie Christy
Ryan Conrady
- 25 – Austin Wilson
- 26 – Jackie Curtis
- 28 – Nathan Blackwell
Wanda Pynes
Aleta Moss
- 29 – Anita Tuckj
Trey Lewis
Isaiah Cain
Diane Bruley
- 30 – Alicia Johnson
Bob Bruley
- October
- 3 – Debbie Smith
Mary L. Roberts
- 4 – Geraldine Williamson

Sunday

Sunday Bible Study for all ages: 9:30 A.M.
Sunday Worship Services: 10:45 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday

Wed. Night Fellowship Suppers 5:15-5:45 PM
Youth & Adult Bible Study @ 6:00 P.M.
Adult Choir @ 7:00 P.M.
Awana 6:00 PM

FBC State of Affairs

2016 Monthly Budget Requirement	\$39,219.00
Received Sept. 4, 2016	12,611.66
Received Sept. 11, 2016	8,211.41
Total received Sept. to date	\$20,823.07
Repair & Renovation Fund Goal	\$125,000.00
Received to date	\$ 86,129.00

Sunday School Report

	9/4	9/11
Members Present	128	174
Visitors:	17	27
Worship Attendance	173	190

Remember the church wide **Pure Water-Pure Love** Project that will help provide clean water in a country where there is no clean water. If you have already fill a water bottle, please consider filling another one. All donations will be appreciated. This project is sponsored by the WMU.

*Church Family
The WMU extends our
warm appreciation for
your generous support
in helping the Haiti
Mission. In October,
dozens of Haitian
pastors will sport
beautiful ties as they
lead their
congregations. May our
Lord bless this mission
and you.*

A Note From the Pastor

By the time this newsletter hits the press, our AWANA program will have started. What an exciting time this will be in the life of our church. I want to thank all those who have played a part in getting this program up and running. Lots of planning and praying and training has gone into launching this. Many of you have stepped up and decided to lead or assist in one of the groups and many more are helping out with our Family Fellowship Meal that we will serve every Wednesday evening, and I know all of you are praying for the workers and the children. For those of you who are waiting to help, I want to encourage you to step on up to the plate and volunteer. You have no idea just what an impact you may have in the life of one these precious children and I know we will all be rejoicing in the decisions that will be made as a result of this venture.

Thanks for allowing Teresa and I to take a short vacation last week. Even though we didn't vacate or rest, we absolutely loved spending time with our new grand-daughter Skylar, and our children Missy and Mitchel. Like I said Sunday, I fully understand why they are called Grand and I am now better able to relate to your stories and all those bragging sessions and photos, and oh yea, if you want to see my photos, just ask me...lol.

We are so excited for the new additions God is making to His church here. I know He has so much more in store for us in growth, missions, and in making a difference in our community and world. I ask that we continue to work together for the glory of God and in being a light in this dark world.

Our verse this week...Isaiah 41:10

Do not fear, for I am with you; do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, surely I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. No matter what you may be going through in life, remember that with His strength and power, any setback can become a comeback.

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

Music Notes from Bro Craig

What a wonderful weekend we had at First Baptist Church last weekend. The reception honoring retiring pianist Jane Holton was wonderful. Thank you to our Hostess Committee and the Adult Choir for working together to make this a special day and thank you to each of you who came to express appreciation to this special lady who means so much to all of us.

On Sunday Morning, September 11, we had special recognition of Patriot Day on the 15th anniversary of the attacks on our country. Thanks to Roger Rolon for the special reading and to Elizabeth Cyr for the accompaniment.

I also want to express appreciation to the Adult Choir for their beautiful singing of "Praise Is Rising" and "Redeemer" and to Elizabeth Cyr for her accompaniments and offertories. May God bless you for using your talents in His service.

With the retirement of Mrs. Jane, we are in need of some others who are willing to use their talents in worship. If you can play an instrument that you are willing to use as part of the worship service, please contact me, and we would be glad to give you the opportunity to be used. This invitation is also open to vocalists who would like to be part of the choir.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank the Activities Committee for their work on the Labor Day Lunch. It was a great time of fellowship for the whole church.

On September 23, our church will be hosting the 5th Quarter Fellowship following the LHS/ Pineville game. If you are willing to contribute food items for the fellowship or willing to come chaperone, please contact Rodney Blackwell or any member of the Youth Committee.

I want to take this opportunity to offer condolences to Mack Bailey on the homegoing of his wife Adrienne. Mrs. Adrienne was a faithful member of FBC and someone who used her life to contribute to both our church and the community. She truly showed love to everyone she met. Please continue in prayer for Mack in days to come.

Also, I want to express condolences to Ada Lou Haymon and family and Charlotte Monk and family in the homegoing of Ada's sister and Charlotte's aunt, Ruth Dixon. What a dear lady she was to us all.

Finally, let me express congratulations to Bro. Jeff and Teresa on the birth of their granddaughter, Skylar Jones. May she be a blessing to her whole family all the days of their lived.

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

Upcoming Youth Events: Save the Dates!!!

September 23---Fifth Quarter – CLC/Gym following the LHS football game – Hot Dogs & Nachos – Each youth PLEASE bring two 2 liter sodas of choice and one regular bag of Nacho Chips/Tostitos

September 28 ---Saw You At the Pole

@ East Leesville Baptist Church @ 6 PM – Please meet in

the Youth Room @ 5:30 PM – Church bus will leave the CLC parking lot @ 5:45 PM

November 20-22 - YEC @ Cajun Dome in Lafayette, La. – Cost is \$50.00 per student and MUST be received by Oct 5

DETAILS COMING SOON FOR THE FOLLOWING TWO EVENTS:

December 16 – Progressive Dinner Christmas Party @ 4:45 PM

December 31 --- Ringing in the New Year – weather permitting



A Brand New Baby Girl is on the way!

Let's celebrate!

Riley Lynn Johnson will be here soon.

We are having a Baby Shower

October 1, 2016 - 10:00 AM – 12:00

First Baptist Church First Cup

The proud parents are Mark & Alicia Johnson

Registered at: Wal-Mart - Amazon - Target



Love and condolences to Charlotte Monk and Wyne and Ada Lou Haymon in the death of Mrs. Ruth Dixon. She was Ada Lou's sister and Charlotte's aunt.

A Big "THANK YOU" to all the Awana volunteers and to the Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal volunteers that made the beginning of our Fall Wednesday night activities a success. If you have not been part of FBC's Wednesday nights, now would be a great time to begin.

WE WELCOME YOU!!!

Thank You!!!

Dear Church Family,

A am overwhelmed by all your expressions of love and gratitude everything was absolutely exquisite— there are so many beautiful mementos to remember my time as your pianist! It was such an honor to see so many people come to spend a part of their day to celebrate my time with you. I do not feel that I deserve all the praise and adoration showered on me. It was my privilege to serve the Lord with my wonderful friends in this church family. I want to thank my faithful husband, Don, for being my greatest supporter, and also thank you for the prayers lifted on Don's behalf. God answers our prayers as evident by his successful surgery in Houston. We covet your continued prayers.

With love and appreciation,

Jane



*Welcome New Members
James, Kathleen & Jurnie Brown with Jules*