

**Staff**  
 Bro. Craig Forque  
 Music Minister &  
 Associate Pastor

Bro. Sean Slate  
 Interim Youth Minister

**Feb. Van Driver**  
**Rodney Blackwell**  
**337 208 6302**

**February Birthdays**  
 2 – Linda Cedars  
     Bro. Craig Forque  
 5 – Jessica Racca  
 6 – Elizabeth Haymon  
     Jules Brown  
 7 – Kynsley Tuck  
     Shirley Quinones  
     William Gregory  
 8 – Karen Skinner  
 10 – Davon Scott  
     Ivory Meins  
 11 – Zoe Robbins  
     Hope Brians  
     Landon Kelly  
 12 – Amaya Thomas  
 15 – Karlee Arnold  
 16 – Keyan Tuck  
     Trina Haymon  
     Ethan Perkins  
 19 – Sonny Pynes  
 20 – Gryphon Cooley  
 22 – Tammy Summers  
 27 – Evelyn Cooley  
     Remi Clark  
 28 – John Bloodworth  
 29 – Hunter Cooley  
     Karlee Lowe

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**Deacon on Call**

February 7-13, 2021  
 Roland Terrell  
 337 238 1615 (h)

February 14-20, 2021  
 Alan Loris  
 337 537 4105 (h)  
 202 577 1437 (c)

February 21-27, 2021  
 Travis Hicks  
 337 238 3356 (h)

Feb. 28-March 6, 2021  
 Billy Jones  
 337 238 9217 (h)

**WE ARE OPEN FOR  
 IN-HOUSE WORSHIP  
 SERVICES**

**Sunday**  
 Sunday School for all ages 9:45 AM  
 Worship Service 10:45 AM Sunday morning  
 Children's Choir 5 PM Sundays  
 GA's & RA's 6 PM Sundays  
 Evening Worship Service @ 6 PM .

**Wednesday**  
 Awana 6 PM  
 Youth & Adult Bible Study in the CLC @ 6 PM  
 Adult Choir Practice @ 7 PM

**FBC State of Affairs**  
 2020 Monthly Budget Required \$41,780.00  
 Received January 3, 2021      \$ 6,301.55  
 Received January 10, 2021     \$ 9,011.46  
 Received January 17, 2021     \$ 9,716.77  
 Received January 24, 2021     \$ 4,594.97

**Sunday School Report**

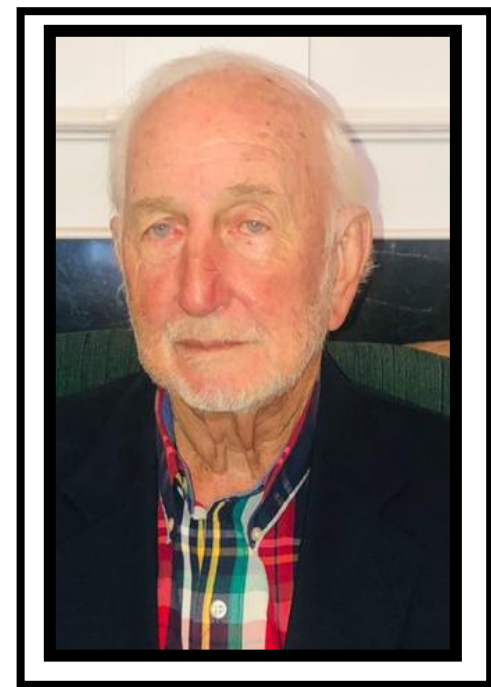
	1/3	1/10	1/17	1/24
Members Present	33	71	53	69
Visitors	6	8	4	19
Worship Attendance				87

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*Serving God - Loving People*



Ordination Service for these two newly elected FBC Deacons,  
 Travis Hicks and Kaplan Rolon February 21, 2021 at 6:00 PM



Daniel Arnold joined our church in 2019. He was already an ordained deacon at the time of his affiliation with FBC. He has now joined the deacon body of FBC by vote of the membership.

## Craig's Notes

**Groundhog's Day** – certainly the most ridiculous holiday to grace the calendar (and that is NOT just because it's my birthday)! Every year, our dear friends, the news media, will take a break from their endless chatter about Biden and Trump and the coronavirus and head over to Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, to report whether or not a groundhog, named Phil, will see his shadow. According to tradition, this event should tell us how much longer it is until spring.

The truth is, absolutely no one plans their life around poor Phil's shadow. By the time most of you receive this newsletter, Groundhog's Day 2021 will already be in the books, and what happened in Punxsutawney will have had absolutely no impact on your life whatsoever. But isn't it true that we let things no more reliable than Phil and his shadow govern our lives? We let culture, the media, current events have sway over us even to the point of ignoring what God has said. What a terrible decision it is when this occurs. May we remember every day the words of Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not on thy own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He will direct thy paths." That is how truly wise decisions come about.

Special thanks to those who helped in worship in the month of January. Thanks to Crystal Rector, Elizabeth Cyr, Sean Slate, Grant Blackwell, Leslie Moore and Gracyn Tuck for sharing special music, as well as to the adult choir for their exceptional singing. Thanks to Elizabeth, Sean, and Daniel for serving on instruments. Also, thanks to our ever faithful, sound, camera, projector, and technical crews for their very important role in broadcasting the service. I also want to thank Sean Slate, Mark Skinner, and David Summers for filling in for me in preaching and Bible studies while I had to be out. Everything was wonderfully done.

We have been blessed to welcome 3 new deacons into the fellowship of deacons at FBC. Daniel Arnold is already an ordained deacon, and we look forward to his service here. Travis Hicks and Kaplan Rolon will be ordained in the 6 PM service on Sunday, February 21. Please make plans now to attend. There will be an ordination council for ordained men to attend at 4:30 PM on that day.

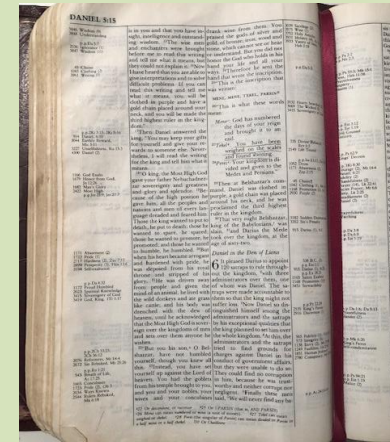
Another upcoming event to be in prayer for and to be excited about is our Spring Revival, from March 7 – 10. (Yes, that is officially before Spring, but in Louisiana, spring starts the day after Christmas, doesn't it?) We will be welcoming back Bro. Gene Douglas who came to minister to our community after Hurricane Laura. Please be praying now for the Lord's movement and that God will lead us in reaching people with the gospel.

Christian sympathy is extended to Kristen Dalme in the homegoing of her uncle Ed Moreau. Ed and his late brother, Lester, were fixtures for years in our Special Needs Sunday School Class. His quick smile and encouraging attitude will be much missed. Our loss is certainly heaven's gain.

Finally, let me say thank you to the church family for the many ways you all ministered to us following Joshua's accident and subsequent surgeries and hospital stay. We have been abundantly blessed by your kindness and by God's grace. We certainly would have liked to have avoided walking through the last few weeks, but things could have been so much worse than they were. As Joshua says, "God has a plan it all." He always does, doesn't He?

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

## Sunday Night Bible Study



Beginning January 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM we began a study of the book of Daniel and plan to continue through the book.

Please come and join us in the sanctuary.

Everyone encouraged to attend!



## Love and Condolences

*To William Gregory and family in the death of his mother, Frances Gregory.*

*And*

*To Joyce Miller and family in the death of her son, Clifford Miller.*

*And*

*To the family of Edward Moreau, who passed away January 24, 2021.*



Awana Children's Recreation after a class of learning Bible verses. If your children or grandchildren are not in a church activity, we would love to have them at First Baptist! We also have Children's church for the children on Sunday morning during Worship service, and we are in need of more teachers for them. If you are interested in helping, please contact Karan Brumley at 337 424 9889.

**Matthew 19:14 But Jesus said, suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.**