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Sept. Birthdays
2 – Jane Holton
5 – Sharon Stone
6 – Ramona Tuck
Sandy Seaman
8 – Harvey Haymon
9 – Charles Bealer
Jessica Wilson
10 -Kailysse Gamble
11 -Margie Cushing
12 -Choyia Hunt
Hunter Clemons
Emmelynn Nolen
15 -Kristen Dalme
Michelle Meins
16 -Slade Higginbotham
17 -Johnnie Mae Booty
18 -Mary Hughes
20 -Asa Skinner
Faith Gregory
21 -Nicole Gregory
24 -Vera Richardson
Nina Russell
Kyla Clemons
Conner Dillon
Maddie Christy
Ryan Conrady
25 -Austin Wilson
Caroline Spicer
26 -Jackie Curtis
28 -Nathan Blackwell
Wanda Pynes
Aleta Moss
29 - Anita Tuck
Trey Lewis
Isaiah Cain

Sept. Birthdays
29 -Diane Bruley
30 -Alicia Johnson
Robert Bruley
Matthew Seaman

Deacon on Call

Sept. 5-11,2021
Dewitt Wagner
337 397 2152 (c)

Sept. 12-18, 2021
Dustin Smith
337 424 9975 (c)

Sept. 19-25, 2021
Roland Terrell
337 238 1615 (h)

Sept. 26-
Oct 2, 2021
Alan Loris
337 537 4105 (h)
202 577 1437 (c)

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

Sunday
Sunday School for all ages 9:45 AM
Worship Service 10:45 AM Sunday morning
RA's & GA's – 6-7 PM
Children's Choir 5-6 PM-beg. 9/12/21
Evening Worship Service @ 6 PM .

Wednesday
Children's Activity-Awana 6-7 PM-Beg. 9/8/21
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 August 1,2021	\$10,371.32
Received August 8, 2021	\$ 2,723.36
Received August 15, 2021	\$13,088.16
Received August 22,2021	\$ 2,954.63
Received August 29, 2021	\$

Sunday School Report

	8/1	8/8	8/15	8/22
Members Present	54	54	71	58
Visitors	15	27	17	21
Worship Attendance	97	105	113	105

**Georgia Barnett offering for
State Missions**

**Ingathering will be September 19,
2021 during the morning service.**

Please give generously!!!

Serving God - Loving People

Attention All Children!!

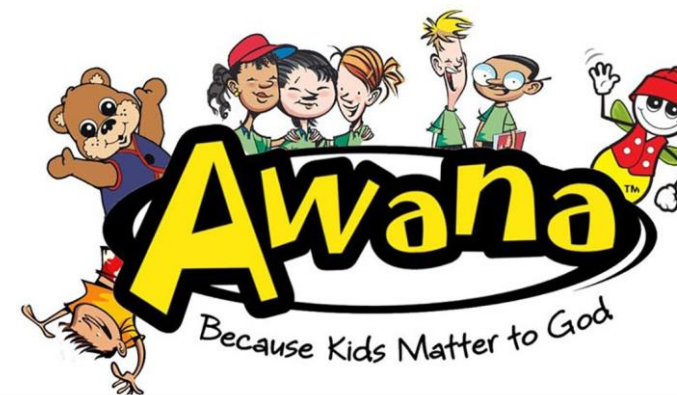
School has started and so has all children activities at
First Baptist Church, Leesville



RA's began August 22, 2021 and will continue
from 6 to 7 PM each Sunday Evening.



GA's - August 22, 2021
6 to 7 PM every Sunday
evening



Awana begins September 8, 2021 from 6 to 7
PM each Sunday Afternoon. All children are
invited to attend!



Children's Choir
Beginning September 12th and continuing
each Sunday Evening from 5-6 PM

Craig's Notes

HOPE... one short word that says so much...a simple concept that becomes more complex every single day. As we look at the world around us, we see a lot of discouragement. We see a lot of despair. We see a lot of bad news. But if we take our eyes off the world around us.. If we look past the running thread of our favorite news program...if we look into the face of Jesus, we find hope. Not only do we find hope, we also find peace and love so much more.

Sunday, September 19 is national "Back to Church" Sunday. The concept of "Back to Church" started before the first wave of the pandemic ever struck. It was a response to the faltering faith of the American people and an encouragement to Americans to get back into church and most importantly to return to a transforming faith in Jesus. The theme for "Back to Church" Sunday is "Hope is Here". As the song our Adult Choir sings says, "Hope is here, and 'Jesus' is His name." As always, our goal is to introduce people to Jesus and to help Christians grow in Jesus. I hope you will "save the date" and be here to worship with us on September 19. I know, that the re-emergence of the pandemic has some of our folks who have been coming back after last year's wave re-quarantined and then there are some who had not felt safe yet to come back. If you are staying home because of co-vid, I encourage you to be part of worship with us by either watching on Suddenlink or join us live on our Facebook page. Call the church office or if you are on Facebook, "like" or comment, so we will know you are with us. Even though we may not be with you face to face, we can still be the church together in spirit. Let's work together to get America back to church. Let's work together to get America back to Jesus.

I want to take this opportunity to thank those who have helped with worship during the month of August. Our technical team working sound, projectors, and television ministry is so important in the ministry of our church, and they are doing a fantastic job. Sean and Elizabeth do wonderful on instruments and leading. The Adult Choir continues to sing exceptionally. Soloists Elizabeth Cyr, Sean Slate, Gracyn Tuck, and Grant Blackwell have all sung amazingly. IN addition, our RA's and GA's did an outstanding job with their camp report as did Baylor Dillon with reporting on his mission service working at Fuge Camps this summer. The blessings for the school year written by Karen Robertson and Alice Westmoreland were inspirational. Thank you all for using your talents in the Lord's service.

I also want to take this opportunity to give appreciation to our wonderful Sunday School Teachers as the school year begins. You guys have been faithful through rough seas. I know it hasn't been easy and sometimes it may have been scary. Know that you are making a difference. You are pointing people to Jesus. Thank you so much.

Another group that continues to faithfully minister is our Homebound visitation team. Homebound visitation will be Thursday, September 9. Join us in the CLC at 9 AM and we will go out to visit our homebound members together. Our regular DMA meeting for this month will be on September 23.

The Final Wacky Wednesday of the summer will be on September 1. It will be "WACKY Night" Everybody should come dressed as wacky as they can. I want to thank those who have helped with Wacky Wednesday's this summer to include Elizabeth Cyr, Debbie Smith, Loretta Poe, Marie Finch, Leslie Moore, Deedee Slate, Kaplan Rolon, Michelle Self, Pam Nunn, and Syd Corley (please forgive if I missed anyone.) In addition, I want to thank those who have taught adult Bible Studies on Wednesday Nights so I could be with the kids. Thanks to Daniel Arnold, Randall Smith, Roger Rolon, Dustin Smith, David Summers, Asa Skinner, Teddy Broyles, and Baylor Dillon. (again, please forgive if I missed anyone).

It is an exciting time as our school year children's ministries kick off. RA's and GA's have already begun meeting for 2021-22. Awana will be beginning on Wednesday, September 8, and Children's Choir will begin practicing on Sunday, September 12. Please be praying for a great year in our children's ministries.

Please remember to be in prayer for our youth as they will participate in See You at the Pole on September 22. Our schools certainly need prayers for protection and for the spirit of God to permeate every aspect of our educational system. The Christian Clubs at each school will be able to give information as to the time of the event at their individual school.

I want to take this opportunity to express Christian Sympathy to James and Shirley Ward, Macel Anderson Howard, and Loretta Poe on the homegoing of Kathryn Anderson. In addition to being Shirley's sister, Kathryn was also Macel's sister-in-law and Loretta's first cousin. Many of our church folks would be familiar with her as a long-time educator in Vernon Parish, a wonderful encourager through her card ministry, and an exemplary Christian. In addition, let me offer Christian love to Josh and Lisa Degley in the homegoing of Lisa's grandmother, Ann Wilhelm. Ann and her husband came to Leesville with the military years ago and made it their home. Our community has benefited greatly over the years through their children who have served faithfully in the school system and the parish government. Please continue to remember all of these in prayer in the days to come.

WMU

These ladies meet every 1st Sunday of each month at 4:30 PM. They would love for you to join them in their work with missions.

Homebound Visitation

2nd Tuesday each month this group meets in the CLC at 9:30 AM. Come and join them for a blessing, one of Loretta Poe's sausage and biscuits and go visit one of our many homebound. You will receive a blessing!

DMA

(Don't mention age)

This group meets the 4th Thursday of each month in the CLC at 9:00 AM for games, fellowship, lunch and a different speaker each month. Come join them. You would be very welcome.

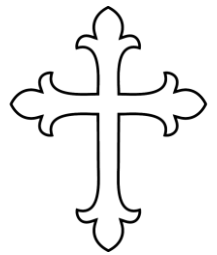
Pastor Search Committee

The Search Committee will meet September 12th & 26th at 5 :00 PM in the parlor. Please be in prayer daily for this committee.

Welcome New Member



Kynlee Lowe



Love and condolences to Shirley Ward and family in the death of her sister, Katherine Anderson in May of this year.

And For Jim & Jody Shapkoff and family in the death of their son, Jason Shapkoff.

And To Josh & Lisa Degley in the death of her grandmother, Ann Wilhelm.

Tapestry

Tapestry will meet in the CLC September 14, 2021 at 6:00 PM for their regular meeting. Please bring the Dry Erase Markers for West Leesville Elementary School. Bring a friend and come enjoy some snacks, devotional and good fellowship. You are encouraged to attend and always welcome.

Craig's Notes (Continued from page 1)

I do want to say a hearty welcome to our newest members. We have been pleased to welcome Kynlee Lowe, Tracy Tuck, Caroline Spicer, and the Meins Family consisting of Nathaniel, Michele, Natison, Kourtney, and Ivory (along with the three youngest children, Levanna, Autumn, and Trent) into the fellowship of FBC. In addition, in the month of August we were privileged to baptize Wesley Vincent, Caroline Spicer, and Michele, Natison, Kourtney and Ivory Meins. We are grateful to have each in our fellowship. May we be a church that helps each grow in their knowledge and love of the Lord.

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

National Back to Church Sunday

Sunday, September 19, 2021. Please invite someone and be in your pew on this Sunday if possible!!!