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October Birthdays

- 3 – Debbie Smith
- 5 – Carter Seaman
Stephane Dease
- 6 – Alan Loris
- 7 – Tommy Cannon
Abigail Williams
- 10 – Lisa Skinner
- 14 – James Williamson
- 18 – Phylliss Hennessee
Christy Tuck
- 20 - Kyle Smith
Kourtney Meins
- 21 – Kimberly Robertson
Gail Clemons
Roy Foote
- 24 - Martha Rankin
- 26 - Bill Tyree
Jack Simms
Doris Werner
- 29 - Ken Hughes
- 30 - William Carter
- 31 - Gracyn Tuck
Neal Brown

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Staff

Darin Worthington, Pastor
Rodney Blackwell, Youth Minister
Kiersten Nolen, Children Minister
Elizaabeth Cyr, Choir Director

Deacon on Call

- Oct 1-7, 2023
Tommy Cannon
337 353 6058
- Oct 8-14, 2023
Tim Tuck
337 353 9796
- Oct 15-21, 2023
Dustin Smith
337 424 9975
- Oct. 22-28, 2023
Travis Hicks
337 208 3960
- Oct. 29-Nov 4, 2023
Kaplan Rolon
337 397 1007

FBC State of Affairs

2023 Monthly Budget Required \$35,057.00

Total for September 2023: \$35,949.11

Sunday School Report

	9/3	9/10	9/17	9/24
Members Present	70	98	n/a	81
Visitors	19	12	n/a	5
Worship Attendance	186	229	351	n/a

NEED

We will need a lot of candy for the Fall Festival. If you can help fulfill this need, it would be greatly appreciated. Bring it to the church office. Thank you!!!

Memorials

In Memory Of:

- Kimberly Redden
- Ben West
- Caroline Moses
- Garland McInnis
- Kimberly Redden
- Garland McInnis
- Ben West
- Caroline Grace Moses
- Anna Sonnier

Given By

- DeLain Prewitt
- DeLain Prewitt
- DeLain Prewitt
- DeLain Prewitt
- Bruce & Alice Westmoreland
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In Memory Of:

- Garland McInnis
- Charles Simmons
- Kimberly Redden
- Garland McInnis
- Caroline Moses
- Charles Simmons

Given By

- Loretta Poe
- Asa & Karen Skinner
- Charlie & Brenda Bealer
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Word From Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the prayers, calls, texts, and meals while I was struggling with my back and while Amy is recovering from knee surgery. We are blessed to be at a church where we love each other, and our love is a verb. Loving each other is a biblical command and we are so grateful for your friendships and love for us.

125-year anniversary is behind us and what a joy it was to see each of us jump in and serve in a variety of ways. Dr. Horn was so complimentary of our church and all that is happening here for the kingdom of God. Let us continue this ministry mindset and reach many more people with the love of God. I wake up every day thinking God how do you want to use me and this church today. Each one of us should be looking for ways that God wants to use us. This Sunday we will be in Ephesians 2, and we are His workmanship, you will not want to miss it.

Additionally, I would also like to say that the revival, speakers, and especially Lannie and Cherie Turner were so well received. Please pray that the fruit sown will reap a harvest soon.

Love and sympathy to the family of Lavonda "Sam" Taylor in her death.

Pastor Darin

FIRST YOUTH NEWS

Hello FBC Leesville Family,

September was a very busy month to say the least. Time to take a deep breath, rest for a moment and then continue pushing forward. As I'm writing this on Tuesday, 26 September our parish schools observed "See You At The Pole". I went to this event at LHS and it was well attended. Our youth in LHS represented well. Tomorrow evening, we will be going to ELBC for "Saw You At The Pole" for all parish youth. Friday, 29 September our church will be hosting 5TH Quarter after the LHS vs Opelousas home football game. I want to congratulate Aubree Anable for doing such a good job during the WLFF Pageant and for representing her school, church, but more importantly her faith in Jesus Christ. Mentioning WLFF, it's time for our parish fair and hope you all can get out there and enjoy the festivities. We have two youth fundraisers coming up in October. Sunday, October 15th is the church-wide Gumbo Cook- Off and silent auction Bake Sale. Sign up in the church office or in your Sunday school class. Second is on Saturday, 28 October from 10 AM - 12 PM we will be hosting our first annual Pickleball Tournament with concession available. Please sign up at the church office or contact Debbie Smith. Thank you in advance for supporting our student ministry and please continue to pray as we strive to impact our city and surrounding area youth for the cause of Christ.

In His service, Rodney Blackwell

Children's Corner

We had a great September in our Children's Ministry! We have kicked back off all of our Fall programs and added Mission Friends with our little kids. We had a great WLE Day and look forward to partnering with them again this school year! We enjoyed a great 125th Anniversary Celebration and Revival. Our children did a great job singing on Children's Night and David Anderson preached a sermon with parenting tips to help our families. We are excited to have our Fall Fest which will be October 29th from 4-6 pm. We are in need of candy donations which you may drop off at the church office if you are able to help. Psalm 85:12: "The Lord will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest." Happy Fall! ~Much Love~ Mrs. Kiersten

Wednesday Night Meals (October @ 5 pm CLC)
(Children, Youth & Adults)

Meals will be provided by different Sunday School classes each week.

Sunday Morning

Bible study for all ages 9:30 to 10:30 am
Children's Church Pre-school thru 3rd Gr.
Worship Service 10:45 – 12:00 Noon

Sunday night Activities

RA's, GA's & Mission Friends 6-7 pm
Youth & Adult Bible Study (CLC) 6-7

Wednesday Night Activities

Youth, Children & Adult Meal CLC 5-6
Children's Choir 5:35-Awana 6-7:10
Adult & Youth Bible Study 6-7
Adult Choir Practice 6:45 –7:45 pm

Other Weekly Activities

Ladies Exercise Class Tue and Thur 9:30-10:30
Pickleball in Gym Tues. & Thurs 1-5 & Saturday 10-12
TOUCH every Monday @ 10:30-Parlor
Homebound Visitation 2nd Thurs 9 am-Parlor
DMA 4th Thurs 9:30 am-CLC
WMU 1st Sunday each month 4 pm
Tapestry 2nd Tuesday each month 6 pm in CLC



Announcing Madison Kate Seaman
Born August 17, 2023 weighing 5 lbs 11 ounces
The proud parents are Brandon & RaeAnn Seaman



Love and condolences to the family of
Lavonda "Sam" Taylor who passed
away on September 24th.

New Members



Johnny & Paula West



Victoria Lewandowski



Madison Dixon

FBC Youth Gumbo Cook-off and Silent Dessert Auction

Sunday October 15th after morning service

Sign up in your Sunday School Room, call the church office
337 239 6535 or call Rodney at 337 208 6301

Please have gumbo and desserts at the CLC by 10:30



"A Big Thank You"

To the Deacons and their wives for honoring the widows of First Baptist with a luncheon "All Is Well" and a fellowship. The food was delicious, the games were fun and the fellowship was sweet, and thank you Pastor Darin for the "It is Well" crosses.

Nashville, Tennessee Fall Trip
October 22 through 27, 2023
(Balance due by October 8, 2023)



Deacon Nominations

October is Deacon Nomination Month. The ballots are in the windows down the hallway, in the vestibule and in the church office. Please take one, mark your choices, sign the ballot and return it to the church office or drop it in the offering plate by
October 29, 2023

Thank You

On behalf of our 125th Anniversary Planning Committee I would like to express our appreciation to all of you who contributed your time and effort to make our event a success. Beginning in the summer, our committees planned outreach, publicity, historical displays, the Sunday morning program, and the meals we enjoyed.

We appreciate our generous corporate sponsors, Merchants and Farmers Bank and Barksdale Federal Credit Union. Thanks to Sheriff Sam Craft, Sissy Wanjura, and the cooking crew we were all able to enjoy a delicious stress-free lunch. As always, thank you Kitchen Crew! Rickie and Tracy Smith documented everything in pictures to be shared, and our elected officials took their time to honor our Church's history with Proclamations.

Dozens of volunteers worked tirelessly in the background to see to all the details that an event of this size requires. Whether you worked outside on the grounds or inside decorating bulletin boards, the gym, the First Cup or the smallest of rooms, thank you for sprucing up our house for company. Everything looked Beautiful. Working together we were able to take an overwhelming project and make it a very enjoyable day for everyone involved. Thank You!

Linda Brady, Chair
125th Anniversary Planning Committee

Sunday School

We have a class for everyone!

Unity-Men
Adult 3-Men
Adult 4-Men & Ladies
Adult 1-Men & Ladies
Auditorium-Men & Ladies
Lighthouse-Young Adults
Joy-Ladies
Sarah-Ladies
Special Needs-Men, Ladies & youth
Birth-2 yr olds and 3 yr olds
4 & 5 yr olds
1st & 2nd grade
3rd & 4th grade
5th & 6th grade
Youth

If you do not have a class, please consider one of the above listed classes. For more information about the classes, call the church office 337 239 6535