

FIRST THOUGHTS

We praise God for sending Randy, Chelby, and Maddox to serve with First Baptist Rayville. I have been blessed over the last couple of weeks to get to know their family. The gifts of God are evident in their lives and I am looking forward to all God will do with them. Please pray for Randy and Chelby as Randy begins implementing the plans God places on his heart for our student's discipleship and growth. Continue to introduce yourselves over and over again until they can tell you your name. Last, as you see opportunity to help them in any way, help them. Minister to Randy, Chelby and Maddox as they minister to us.

Let me say congratulations to our Senior Class of 2017. Nathan Barham, Jenna Brakefield, Sophie Heath, Lindsay Mercer, Caroline Mills, Kylie Mills and Lillian Morris. What a pleasure has been mine to watch a young man and the young ladies grow. When I came to FBC Rayville they were in 6th grade and now they are embarking on the next exciting phase of life. I thank God for each one of you and pray God's blessings on you. My prayer for you is God's glory. May He continue to work in you and mold you into the person of God He desires you to be. May you be so captivated by the Lord Jesus that you are strikingly different from those around you. I pray your heart will yearn for God's Word and as you read it you will grow in respect to His great salvation. May He guard your heart and your mind in Christ Jesus. I pray for you the mind of Christ as you make decisions day in and day out. I pray you will find your identity and worth in Christ Jesus. You are loved, you are never alone. Trust the Lord with all your heart.

To all you mothers out there: Happy Mother's Day! May God bless you. Thank you for all you do and have done for your families.

Things to pray for: Men and Boys Canoe Trip, (June 1-3), VBS (June 5-9), Southern Baptist Convention (June 11-14), Centrifuge (July 5-9), CentriKid (August 1-4).

We are trusting God to use us for His glory as we reach out to those around us with the incredibly good news of forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

I love you and I love being your pastor. Thank you for the privilege of serving you.

Dr. EW

IGNITE NEWS

Summer is upon us!

April showers bring May flowers and hot on the heels of May is JUNE! And what is in June? **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!**

Here is a clip of an article I found about VBS....
Mentioning Vacation Bible School to an adult almost anywhere in the nation brings recollections of a happy summertime adventure from childhood. Vacation Bible School may be the only church experience some adults remember. If pressed, they likely will be able to remember, if not produce, a cherished item they made in VBS.

No matter their religious background or current church involvement, many adults have had positive experiences with Vacation Bible School and are willing to allow their children to attend. Vacation Bible School may serve as the church's best strategy for reaching families of young children.

VBS breaks down barriers and allows us to reach children that would normally never come on our campus. **It is the best opportunity we have all year to reach children in our community.** Do you want to change lives for the kingdom of God and impact children in our city? You can do so by helping with VBS June 5th - 9th!

This year's theme is very evangelistic but simple to teach at the same time. I am excited about what God is going to do through VBS this year.

We will have a meeting/training session on May the 7th at 4:30 PM in the discipleship room. Please make plans now to attend this meeting if you can be a part of VBS.

In Christ,
Tim

Online Giving Is Now Available!

Go to our church website at www.fbcrayville.org and click on the GIVE button. After creating an account, you're able to give a donation or schedule a series of donations directly from your checking account or by using your debit or credit card.

NEWS

Hello Church,

I would like to thank each and everyone of you for the amazing welcome Chelby, Maddox, and myself have received. It is truly a blessing to be a part of such a God and people loving Church. The support has been tremendous and we are excited to see how the Lord works. It is an honor to grow the kingdom of God with you, as we all work together to be His light in a dark world. We ask for prayer and love for the students as they are our future and more importantly our now. They head into the battlefields where their faith is tested daily. It is important to ground them Biblically in the word. **"Bring up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6**

Thank you,
Randy Zeigler

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday Night Refuge 6:00 PM

We invite youth and volunteers to join us as we worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We will have a lot of fun hanging out and playing games but above all else worshipping and studying God's Word.

Sunday School

Sundays either before or after the Worship Service we will have Sunday School. These classes are designed to further study the Word of God, as well as discussion and growing closer in the Body of Christ. We have a group for each Middle School Boys and Girls as well as one for each High School Boys and Girls.

5 Person Dodgeball Tournament

Friday May 19 at 6 PM
Teams of 5 must have 2 girls per team
Team sign up by May 17th

DR. WREN'S SERMONS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE

Go to fbcrayville.org and click the Sermons link at the top of the page. Church activities and upcoming events are also posted on the website. Share the web address with someone and invite them to church.

FIRST NOTES 🎵

Shout to the Lord!

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing! Psalm 100:1-2

What does a joyful noise sound like?... Most of us have an idea of what good music and singing sounds like even if we have different stylistic preferences. But the psalmist here does not promote good sounding praise, instead he commands joyful praise. So with that in mind, joyful praise is worship that comes from a joyful heart. We are so blessed in our church to have a wonderful choir filled with a wide variety of beautiful sounding singers. But you don't have to sing like them to offer a sweet aroma of worship to the Lord. You simply must come with thankful heart ready utter your praise to Jesus. In closing, consider that God seeks after your earnest worship which comes from a joyful heart. May we each day seek to offer our God joyful worship.

Choir News!

Calling all choir members past and present- I am happy to announce we have some great new anthems for this Spring as well as an exciting uplifting patriotic musical we'll be presenting in July titled, **In God We Trust**. Hope you all can make it to our Wednesday rehearsals at 6:30pm. May God continue to use us in powerful ways each week!

Raymond

To Our Wonderful Church Family,

We love you! It's hard to choose the right words to thank you for what you mean to our whole family. When we were in Houston didn't know how the results would turn out, but we know for sure, we were covered by prayer, which is a good feeling. "Peace", we knew whatever the results, God would see and give us the peace to handle it.

God's been answering lots of prayers and working many miracles in our midst lately. He wants us to shout it from the rooftops. He's given us many ways to witness to others we meet.

Thank you for all your prayers and each and every kindness that has been show to our family.

*We feel blessed to be a part of this church,
Wayne & Brenda McManus and family*

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY

8:30am Worship Service
 9:45am Sunday School
 10:45am Worship Service
 6:00pm Evening Worship

MONDAY

1:30pm Helping Hands Ministry

TUESDAY

8:00am-12Noon Care & Share

WEDNESDAY

4:00pm "Through the Bible" Study
 5:20pm Praise Team
 5:30pm "Behold Your God Bible Study"
 6:00pm IGNITE-Children's Activities
 6:15pm REFUGE-Student Worship
 6:30pm Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY

6:00am Men's Prayer
 9:30am Ladies' Prayer Group
 5:30pm Richland Celebrate Recovery

FRIDAY

8:00am-12Noon Care & Share

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

3rd LifeShare Blood Drive
 7th VBS - 4:30pm Meeting
 13th Second Helpings
 14th Colonial Manor
 Mother's Day
 19th Youth Dodge Ball Tournament
 21st 7:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast
 4:30pm Deacons' Meeting

JUNE

1st - 3rd Men & Boys Canoe Trip
 5th - 9th VBS



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SECOND HELPINGS

Saturday, May 13th
 Family Life Center
8:00am Prep/Cook
9:00am Prep Food Boxes
10:00am Begin Deliveries

Colonial Manor

Sunday, May 14th
 2:00pm

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Sunday, May 21th, 7:00am
 In the Family Life Center

DEACONS' MEETING

Sunday, May 21st 4:30pm

CARE & SHARE MINISTRY

Tuesdays & Fridays:
 8:00am-12Noon

THRIFT STORE

(Open to the public-
 Everything 1/2 off)
First Saturday of each month:
 8:00am-12Noon

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**LIFESHARE
 BLOOD DRIVE**

Wednesday, May 3rd
 4:30pm - 7:00pm

*Bus will be in the parking
 lot of the Family Life Center.*



GALACTIC STARVEYORS

**Vacation Bible School
 June 5th - 9th**

If you are interested in helping please call
 Tim Allen or the office 728-3231.

TRIAD

"Day at the Lake"

Friday, May 12th, 9:00 AM

Poverty Point Lake

Free to Senior Citizens

(age 60 & older)

Music & Fellowship

(Fishing, Food, Boat Rides, Dunking Booth)

**MAY
 BIRTHDAYS**

Courtney Sepulvado	1	Derrick Huber	18
Allison Williamson	2	Bennie Robinson	9
Louise Cater	3	Becky Hoychick	10
Randy Walters	3	Eli Jones	11
Lillian Morris	3	Sherry Hough	11
Ericka Cherene	4	Taylor Allen	14
Erin Branch	5	Katie Head	15
Kylie Mills	6	Orie Morris	17
Caroline Mills	6	Ginny Richardson	18
Jennifer Rogers	7	Meri Wren	18
Liz Hogue	8	Claire Aymond	18
Myra Alderman	19	Rachel Stephenson	30
Cooper Eldridge	20		
Ty Allen	21		
Kelly Kervin	22		
Jannah Ward	23		
Brittany Hayes	25		
Beth Taylor	27		
Will Senn	28		
Lee Thomason	29		