

FIRST THOUGHTS

Fall has arrived and doesn't it feel good. With fall comes a lot of activity. There are ball games, hunting, and then the holiday season. There are also a lot of activities for the church. Don't forget, Sunday night October 8 is First Responders' Night. Let's come out in force to show our love and support for the men and women that run to the danger zone or the tragedy as others are running away. Come to say thank you for the protection they provide for you, your children and your grandchildren. Too often in our culture Police offers and even our medical responders do not receive the respect they are do. Let us honor them and Thank God for them on October 8.

Operation Christmas Child is also approaching. I want to encourage every family to provide multiple shoeboxes for this ministry. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is shared around the world as we provide necessities and goodies for children. God may use your gift to not only bring a smile to a child's face, but also to change that child's eternity.

Movie Night will be the first week in November. Sunday Evening November 5 to be exact. The Case For Christ will be shown in the big parking lot across from the church. There will be food and drinks and a good time will be had. But most importantly, the Gospel will be shared with everyone who views the movie. Invite your friends and neighbors to come be a part of movie night as we share the Gospel with the community.

I love you and thank God I get to serve Him with you,
Dr. EW

10 DAY BIBLICAL & HISTORICAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE LAND OF THE BIBLE

- ISRAEL

February 16 - 25, 2018

Join me for the most amazing trip you will ever experience! There is no place on Earth like the Holy Land. You will see with your own eyes many of the places you have read about in the Bible. You will visit places where miracles were performed, walk streets Jesus and the disciples walked, and visit cities such as Bethlehem, Nazareth and Jerusalem. You will have the opportunity to be baptized in the Jordan River and float in the Dead Sea. You will be able to look into the empty tomb and declare, "He is not here, but He has risen!" No trip has impacted my life like a trip to the Holy Land. Join me, February 16-25, 2018 for an incredible journey through the land of the Bible. I look forward to our time together walking where Jesus walked.

For more information call the church office at 728-3231.

IGNITE NEWS

Attention Parents!

I ran across this article that appeared in *Home Living*, May 1980 that says a lot about what we can give our children.

My child, what can I give you?

I should like to give you everything so that you lack for nothing, not even one single desire, but I know that for want of many things I have come to be satisfied with what I have and to think of others and their needs.

I should like to give you a life full of fun and games, but I know that because of many "chores" and responsibilities of my youth, I have learned to be responsible.

I should like to protect you from all the errors of your youth, but I know that because of my failures, I have learned to make better decisions.

I should like to give you a profession of wealth or importance, but I realize that man is truly happy only when he fulfills the purpose for which God has created him. What then, my child, can I give you that would be of any real value?

I give you my love, which means that I accept you, without reservations, just as you are and will be.

I give you my personal presence in order that you will have the security you need during your childhood.

I give you my ears, in the sense that I will never be too busy to listen to you—sometimes never uttering even one word.

I give you opportunities to work so that you might learn to do it without shame and come to enjoy the satisfaction of work well done.

I give you my counsel only when it is necessary or you ask for it so that you might avoid some of the mistakes I have made.

I give you my consolation when you have failed or feel discouraged, but I will not always protect you from the consequences of your sins.

I give you instructions in the way of the Lord so that when you are old, you will never depart from it.

I give you my daily prayers that the Lord will keep you and guide you in such a way that you, my child, will be a man or woman who will serve and glorify our Heavenly Father.

This I give you with all my love.

*Your Mother,
Lydia Lightner¹¹⁹*

Parenting is the hardest thing that I have ever done, BY FAR. I am by no means an expert and can use all the help I can get. I believe that the bible is the absolute best guide for parenting. I also believe that we sometimes are not sure how to use the bible to parent our children. The Lord recently laid on my heart to start a parenting class that would help us raise God fearing, bible believing kids. In the coming weeks we will be offering an 8-10 week parenting class to help us do just that. Be looking for more information and how to sign up for this class in the coming weeks!

*In Christ,
Tim*

REFUGE

Wednesday September 27, millions of students from around the world gathered to pray around the flag poles at their schools. They are praying for their fellow students, teachers, and nation. Our students play an integral roll in the future of the church and we must remember this. We should keep them in our prayers and seek to teach and disciple them as a church. Also, we need to set an example of what a Christian should look like for the upcoming generations. They need to be modeled on the importance of Church and a corporate worship, as well as the importance of small groups such as Sunday School and Bible Studies. They must also see the importance of spending time with Christ in our own personal lives. When students see that these are not important from the generations before them, it will be less important to them.

Ephesians 6:44 Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Randy

UPCOMING EVENTS

Worship Sundays at 9am

Sunday School at 10am

Bible Study Sundays at 6pm

Refuge Wednesdays 6:15pm

Nov. 19 - 20 YEC

YOUTH EVANGELISM CONFERENCE

Lafayette, LA

November 19 - 20

Cost \$100 - (Due when you sign up)

Chaperones Needed!

To sign up or for more information call Randy or the office at 728-3231. Deadline to sign up is Oct. 30th.

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.

FIRST NOTES 🎵

Only Kneeling to God in Prayer Can Fix This!

One of the hottest topics in the news in recent days is the decision of some NFL players to take a knee instead of standing for our national anthem. Of course many Americans are outraged by this issue, and rightfully so. But whether or not you agree with it, the kneeling was a symbolic gesture of defiance rather than honor and humility. And though many of us find their gesture disrespectful and appalling, I can't help but wonder how did it come to this. And obviously we can't jump inside someone else's head, but how do people with such tremendous blessings focus on the negative rather than the positive? Obviously, I'm not saying there is no injustice in our world, or that things are completely fine in our nation. It's actually quite the opposite. And certainly, we as Christians know that standing up for the needy and oppressed is good. But generally, I think that most people would agree that we've come a long way as a nation, in large part thanks to those patriots who have paid dearly and given us the opportunities we have today. So what do we do? In all this chaos, may we be ever reminded to pray for our country, it's people and leaders because we are living in perilous times when truth and righteousness seem lost. I believe kneeling on a football field or anywhere accomplishes very little unless it's done in conjunction with prayer. Secondly and most importantly, let us guard our hearts and remain thankful for the blessings we do have, and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus that we would not succumb to our own opinions but instead seek to advance the kingdom of God through this. The solution to all our problems individually and collectively has been and always will be Jesus.

Choir News!

We've had a change in our Christmas Musical this season. We will now be working on a powerful multi-generational musical titled, *Wonder and Glory*. I am excited to be doing this musical because it incorporates our children and youth to join in and sing God's praise as one body. We'll start Children and Youth Choir rehearsals on Sunday, October 22nd. Youth Choir at 4:45pm and Children's Choir during Joy Explosion. So help spread us the word! Let's have a great family Christmas celebration this year!

The Richland Association Christmas Program will be December 3rd, at 6:00pm at Start Baptist Church.

Raymond

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY

- 9:00am Worship Service
- 10:00am Sunday School
- 6:00pm Evening Worship
- 6:00pm Joy Explosion

MONDAY

- 1:30pm Helping Hands Ministry

TUESDAY

- 8:00am-12Noon Care & Share

WEDNESDAY

- 4:00pm "Through the Bible" Study
- 5:00pm Wednesday Night Supper
- 5:20pm Praise Team
- 5:30pm "Book of James"
- 5:30pm Men's Bible Study
- 6:00pm "The Pursuit of Holiness"
- 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-Noon Care & Share

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 8th Honoring First Responders
- 15th Operation Christmas Child
- 30th Saints Alive

NOVEMBER

- 8th Movie Night "The Case for Christ"
- 12th Harvest Meal



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FIRST RESPONDERS APPRECIATION DAY



October 8th @ 6pm

Followed by a Reception in the WMU Building

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Packing boxes for Operation Christmas Child will begin on Sunday, October 15th. Go to www.samaritanaspurse.org/occ to get information about what is suggested to put into the boxes and lots of other information about this ministry. Boxes will be available for you on October 15th. Packed shoeboxes are to be returned to the church on Sunday, October 29th. Information is available on line and during the church services in October, or call Kaye Perritt at 728-3035.

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First Ray

Christmas Tour of the Governor's Mansion and Highlights of New Orleans December 5th through 7

We will travel on the church bus to New Orleans on Tuesday, Dec. 5th. While there we will attend:

- A concert at the St Louis Cathedral
- Cirque Holiday at Saenger Theatre
- A performance at the WWII Museum
- Visit City Park with its wonderful Christmas decorations
- Tour the holiday traditions of the Roosevelt Hotel
- Visit the Governor's Mansion which is beautifully decorated for Christmas

Of course, we will have time to eat beignets and wonderful food along the way! The price which includes two meals is a single room \$405.00, double room \$289.00, triple room \$253.00 and quad is \$236.00. The deadline to sign up with a \$100 deposit is October 16th. We will be purchasing the tickets on October 17th.

To sign up or for more information call the Church office 728-3231 or Betty Jo Gray 805-8874.

ALTAR FLOWERS 2017 - 2018

Sandy Adams is preparing the calendar for Altar flowers. If you would like to sign up to provide Sunday flowers for the sanctuary, please call Sandy at 728-2238.

		 October Birthdays			
Tacy	Allen	1	Emme	Hoychick	21
Blake	Branch	2	Noah	Wren	21
Adam	Townsend	2	Fischer	Haught	23
Tim	Boles	3	Daniel	Lane II	24
Charles	Willoughby	4	Tammie	Berry	24
Sharon	Rogers	5	Alexa	Clack	24
Forrest	O'Neal	5	Mary	Rogers	24
Claude	Mercer	6	Dee	Adams	24
Emily	Garrett	7	Erle West	Barham	24
Jake	Perrin	7	Massey	Thames	25
Charlotte	Sims	7	Jerry	Hunter, Jr.	25
Reatagae	Wooden	9	Hal	Senn	25
Christene	Stracener	9	Sandra	Green	26
Haleigh	Branch	10	Peggy	Eppinette	27
Lawrence	Medlin	10	Brier	Williamson	29
Nellie	Henry	11	Jennifer	Lane	30
Harrison	Cooper	12	Dixie	Livingston	30
Annette	Newsom	12	Mary Lynn	Bruyninckx	30
Merle	Raborn	13	Barry	Collins	31
			David	Knight	20